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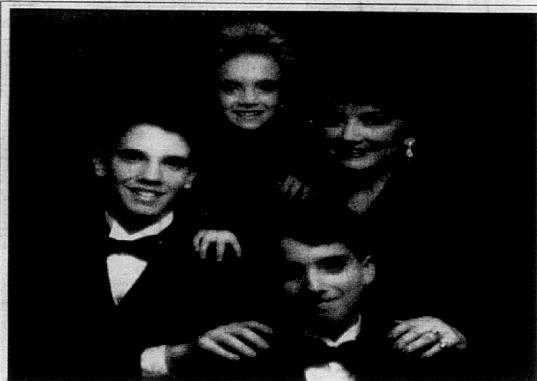


Photo courtesy PATTY MORRIS-HILDEBRAND

Patty Morris-Hildebrand poses for a family portrait with her children, Laura, Joshua and Jordan. The family is united once more after Morris-Hildebrand's near-death fight to bring up her blood platelet count.

No quit

Woman returns from brink of death

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

The word miracle is so overused that many people don't recognize it when a real one comes along. Those who don't believe in them would do well to come see Patty Morris-Hildebrand.

A real one happened to the Granite City resident recently — at least that's what she, her doctor, friends, family and well-wishers say. Patty, of Granite City, entered Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis last winter desperately ill. Her leukemia caused her blood platelet count to reach zero, a lethal situation, as told in the Granite City Journal in December.

She needed near round-the-clock infusion of platelets, a radical treatment; she is just the second person in the country to receive the treatment.

By Christmas, however, the miracle occurred. Patty walked out of the hospital, with a platelet count of 250,000 per million.

She's not cured — Patty still needs a bone marrow transplant and returns to her doctor once a

'The doctor told me, 'Patty, I didn't do it. The man upstairs did.''

Patty Morris-Hildebrand

month. However, the difference between her terrible condition late last year and now is nothing short of incredible.

"I truly believe what made me walk out was the doctor — but also God," she said.

"The doctor told me, 'Patty, I didn't do it. The man upstairs did.'"

Her doctor is Peter Weiss, oncologist and hematologist, who works closely with his wife, Barbara Horn, also a doctor at Barnes-Jewish.

"He has the expertise and bedside manner," Patty said. "I needed that, which he was quick to give to me."

For example, sometimes Patty shook uncontrollably, and Weiss held her and would "take me away

(See PATTY, Page 10A)

Committee votes to close county homes

Issue continues to divide board members

By Sanford J. Schmidt
 Telegraph staff writer

A Madison County Board committee made the first move Thursday toward closing the county nursing and shelter care homes by Dec. 1. The Finance Committee voted 3-1 to close the homes. The issue will now go before the Health Institutions and Personnel committees for consideration. If approved, the full County Board will decide the fate of the homes.

The only "no" vote Thursday came from Alan Dunstan, D-Highland, who said he may eventually vote to close the homes. The Health Institutions Committee should have been asked to vote jointly with the Finance Committee, he said.

"If the homes cannot operate in the black, I'll vote to close them in a second," Dunstan said. County Auditor Fred Rathon said the combined operation of the homes continues to lose money and cannot continue without some action by the voters or the County Board.

'If the homes cannot operate in the black, I'll vote to close them in a second.'

Alan Dunston
 D-Highland

Backers of keeping the homes have said the residents have no place else to go and that it is up to the county to provide for the needs of people.

Some Finance Committee members said Thursday members of the Health Institutions Committee are ignoring the March 17 referendum and previous votes of the Finance Committee.

"They have ignored our recommendations. They don't care what the voters have said," said Board Member Don Rea, D-Granite City. Finance Committee Member Jack

Frandsen, D-Alhambra, said the voters in his district voted nearly 70 percent against the propositions to float a \$6.5 million bond issue to build a new home and to raise another 5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for expenses.

The propositions lost countywide by about 15,000 to 12,000. The recommendation will go to a joint meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday of the Health Institutions and Personnel Committees.

County Board Chairman Rudy Papa said he plans to urge as many board members as possible to attend.

Director of Administration James Monday said he would like to get a clear idea on which direction to take on the homes.

He said if the board decides to close the homes, then such issues as selling land and using the proceeds to buy a new home would be moot.

He said the question of whether to entice a private developer is (See BOARD, Page 10A)

Smith denies police charges

By Paul Mackie
 Telegraph staff writer

Madison High School athletic director and drivers education teacher Donald J. Smith plans to file a lawsuit against the SIUE police department for injuries he said he suffered in an alleged altercation on March 20 with police.

Smith, 43, of the 2000 block of Amos in Granite City, was pulled over near Woodlawn Cemetery on St. Louis Street in Edwardsville at about 9:50 p.m. and charged by Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Police with driving under the influence, obstructing a police officer and running a stop sign, a police report said.

He was driving the school's driver education vehicle at the time, Smith said.

However, Smith said he doesn't think he did anything wrong. He said he had "one beer for dinner a couple of hours before" allegedly ending up in a hospital after being

'I've been a teacher for 19 years and have never had anything like this happen to me. It's embarrassing to me, my family, my students, my colleagues and my school district.'

Don Smith

allegedly beaten up by police.

"The thing has been blown way out of proportion," Smith said.

He said he was advised by his lawyer not to talk about the incident but was "embarrassed" by the media's focus on the DUI charge and wanted to tell his side of the

story. Smith said he was driving the school vehicle for the day because he was performing all school-related duties.

After spending the day at a conference for Madison County high school athletic directors at SIUE, Smith said he ate dinner in Alton with some of his colleagues.

On his way to Rusty's restaurant and bar in Edwardsville to book a banquet, Smith said he was pulled over by SIUE Police.

"The police said I rolled through the stop sign (at North Poag Road and North University Drive), but I didn't think I did," he said. "When the policeman said he smelled alcohol, I said, 'You've got to be kidding me.' I had one beer a couple of hours before with a grilled cheese and chicken wings."

Smith said he successfully completed a field sobriety test, but said the officer was playing a "tough-guy" (See SMITH, Page 10A)

Warfield to replace Greathouse

By Scott Kelly
 Staff writer

Mac Warfield, a long-time figure of Madison County politics, is resigning from the county board to lead the Metro East Sanitary District.

Warfield replaces Walter "Shang" Greathouse, long-time head of the district, who resigned in February from both the district board and the directorship — for health rea-

sons. Warfield, chairman of the Madison County Democratic Party, would have to resign his board seat, because to hold it and head the district would be considered a conflict of interest.

Warfield was unavailable for comment by Journal press time Friday.

A successor to Warfield's seat has not yet been named, but some party insiders are

hinting at Granite City Alderman Alan Crider.

Crider could not be reached for comment by Journal press time.

Crider is a principal at Grigsby Middle School in Granite City.

Warfield was appointed to the county board in 1996 upon the death of Nelson Hagauer. Previously, he had served as a Granite City alderman and superintendent of the street department.

He will continue to chair the Madison County Democratic Party.

The Sanitary District is a governmental body based in Granite City and charged with maintaining drainage and levees in Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties.

Greathouse was appointed to the board in 1977 and was named executive director in 1984.

Venice Township Supervisor Andy Economy was named in February to replace Greathouse on the board.



Staff photo by JOHN FRES

Walk-a-thon

Coolidge Middle School students Jennifer O'Connor, Rowena Curtis, Joy Smith and Tasha Sanders walk the high school track during the Coolidge Walk-a-thon Wednesday. The students collected pledges of donations to cover improvements to the school.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

System worked

TO THE EDITOR:

In these times of frustration with government and with many politicians, our news headlines are often so negative that the average citizen wonders if our system still works and if concerns of the "little," nonpolitical person can be addressed. Or is government all bad, too big, or too uncaring.

At least there is a one piece of evidence today that says it works — if our representatives will truly represent us in protecting our case. And for a change there is one piece of positive news to offset all of the negatives we daily find in the media.

The writer wishes it known that U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello did listen, did vigorously pursue the righting of a wrong, did stay on top of the issue and continue to push for a constituent's cause, and did successfully resolve the issue.

Significant also is the fact that not once in the process did the question come up as to whether the constituent was a supporter or even of the same political party.

My cause, which Costello made his own, came to light upon my husband's death, when we were investigating interment at Arlington National Cemetery. As a Silver Star recipient, he was eligible for Arlington. Somehow, however, the military records

were not correct. There was no indication on the official records of the Silver Star, which was in my possession and which was widely reported about in the newspaper at the time of the award.

Any military man knows what it takes to win the Silver Star. John Reynolds was a very patriotic individual and willingly put his life at risk for his country, as so many other veterans have done.

It was not right that the records did not even reflect his bravery. He almost died in the process of taking out a machine gun net that was killing Allied soldiers. Not important in the big scheme of things with all of the nation's problems, correct

records were nevertheless very important to his family.

For two years I pursued getting the records corrected but was not getting anywhere.

Last week Costello presented me with corrected military records showing the acknowledgment of the Silver Star. In the process he also found that my husband was due a Bronze Star, which he had not received. Costello also presented the Bronze Star to me that my husband should have received.

This is to publicly thank Costello for my husband and our family and to let others know the quality of the man.

DOROTHY REYNOLDS
Wood River

Medicare fraud must be eliminated

By Sen. Dick Durbin

Recently, an Illinois doctor entered phony symptoms in patients' records and received more than \$3 million a year for unnecessary tests from Medicare and private insurers. In another recent case, an Illinois ambulance company filed thousands of dollars of false and inflated claims with Medicare and Medicaid for same-day, round-trip transfers of nursing home patients. In some instances, the company claimed the patients were bed-confined when, in reality, they weren't.

Both cases are examples of a serious problem, Medicare fraud, that is costing the Medicare Trust Fund \$23 billion a year — 12 percent of the Medicare budget. Under any circumstances, this exploitation of senior citizens, the disabled and taxpayers is outrageous. But it is even more troubling when demographic changes and rising medical costs, combined with fraud, threaten the Trust Fund with insolvency by 2007.

Established in 1965, Medicare provides senior citizens and the disabled with health insurance. Thirty-eight million Americans are enrolled in Illinois. Under Medicare, health providers treat patients, and then bill Medicare through regional insurance companies under contract with the government. While the overwhelming majority of providers are honest, the few who choose to submit phony or inflated

bills are having an enormous impact on the system.

Three years ago, in an effort to combat Medicare fraud, the Clinton Administration operation Restore Trust in Illinois and four other states. During its initial phase, the program identified more than \$180 million in illegal Medicare claims and recovered \$23 for every dollar spent. President Clinton's decision to expand the program to 12 additional states is a welcome step in the right direction, but our goal should be nationwide oversight.

Currently, it is simply too easy for unscrupulous health care providers to participate in the Medicare system. As one investigator from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services noted, "It's more difficult to get a cab driver's license in New York City than a provider number under Medicare." And once providers begin billing Medicare, there is little follow-up to determine whether Medicare is being billed accurately.

That's why I am introducing legislation to create a zero tolerance enforcement policy to stop Medicare fraud. My bill would require an application fee from prospective Medicare providers to defray the costs of verifying their applications and conducting on-site visits at their places of business. Agencies and providers who failed the initial review of would be

prohibited from re-entering the Medicare program for at least one year. New providers would receive a provisional certificate with permanent certification available after one year and a second review at the provider's expense.

The legislation also would suspend payments when substantial evidence of fraud or misrepresentation exists, ensure closer oversight of private contractors hired to monitor Medicare provider claims and expand whistleblower rewards for those who expose Medicare fraud to cover not only beneficiaries, but any person who reports criminal activity.

Alert consumers can also play a role in preventing Medicare fraud by reporting abuse. The Department of Health and Human Services has established a hotline for this purpose. The number is (800) HHS-TIPS. Callers, who may remain anonymous, can phone during normal business hours to speak with a trained staff person, not an electronic recording. Action resulting from 5,500 complaints has helped Medicare recover approximately \$6.4 million.

Medicare has given some of our most vulnerable citizens a measure of security for more than 30 years. By fighting Medicare fraud, we will take an important step toward keeping this program healthy well into the 21st century.

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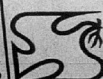
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Area sites among only 1,300 nationwide

By Jason White
Staff writer

For 18 years, the Superfund program has been cleaning up the mess of an era when industries and individuals weren't aware of the hazards posed by toxic waste.

Congress passed the Superfund law in December 1980 in response to New York's Love Canal, where hundreds of families fled from a neighborhood built over a hazardous waste site.

About 1,300 sites nationwide have been placed on the Superfund list, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that up to 30,000 sites have yet to be identified.

"It's a large problem," said Dion Novak, remedial project manager at the U.S. EPA's District 5 office in Chicago. The first step in the process is for citizens or local agencies to contact the EPA about a suspected toxic waste site.

Next, the EPA determines the course of action. Some sites need emergency cleanup while others require long-term study.

The EPA also encourages residents to form Community Advisory Groups, a public forum for those affected by the site.

After establishing a plan, the

EPA contacts the responsible parties and negotiates cleanup costs. The law allows the EPA to order the cleanup if negotiations fail.

"There are a good number of companies that are willing to deal with the problems, and there are others that aren't," Novak said.

If the polluter can't be identified, the EPA draws from a trust fund made up of taxes on the chemical industry, the largest private-sector producer of toxic waste.

Often, the trust fund pays for the initial cleanup and the EPA later attempts to recoup the cost through legal action.

Novak said the process takes an average of 10 years. "A lot of our sites are at the tail end of the cleanup process," he said.

At the program's onset, officials estimated it would take five years and \$5 billion for Superfund to complete its mission.

But by 1995, the program had spent \$35.6 billion to remove 82 sites from the list, many without any cleanup, according to the Houston Chronicle. About one-third of the costs were in litigation, the newspaper reported.

The key principle of the Superfund law is that polluters are liable for cleanup, even if

the waste disposal was legal at the time and regardless of how long ago the pollution occurred.

Much of the criticism of Superfund came from industry lobbyists, who argued that the law's retroactive liability provision unfairly penalized companies that didn't know the land they were buying was polluted, or who legally sent waste to a site.

In October 1995, the U.S. EPA implemented a variety of reforms that included:

• Paying for costs associated with insolvent responsible parties. The law required viable parties to pay the entire cost, regardless of whether they caused all of the contamination.

• Establishing site-specific accounts to ensure that sites receive funds allocated for cleanup.

• Establishing "regional ombudsmen" to have a direct point of contact for the public.

The Rev. Buck Jones, director of the advocacy group Project Helping Other People, said the law has seen improvements in recent years.

"The EPA has made some strides to increase the communication with the people who live in these neighborhoods," he said.

But he added: "We have a

long ways to go."

Much of the concern over Superfund sites involves groundwater contamination, because most hazardous waste is placed underground and eventually seeps into the water table.

Half the U.S. population, and 95 percent of the rural population, gets its water directly from groundwater, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Jones said that has led the EPA to focus its resources on rural areas. "They seem to be biased towards urban areas," Jones said.

A United Church of Christ study, "Toxic Waste and Race," found that 60 percent of blacks live within a mile of toxic waste sites, but only 18 percent of Superfund sites are in urban areas, Jones said.

A government study found that 41 million people in the United States live within one mile of 725 Superfund sites, and 46 percent are women or child-bearing age, children or senior citizens, all of whom are especially susceptible to toxins, Jones, also cited newspaper articles that found East St. Louis residents are more likely to die of cancer, heart disease and respiratory illness than any other city in the United States.

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Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.

Mr. Isaacs was born on Nov. 17, 1953, in Litchfield. He graduated from Litchfield High School and Rankin Trade School in St. Louis. He was currently employed with Rite Electric Company in Granite City as an electrician and supervisor. He attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Litchfield, a member of IBEW Local No. 308 in Collinsville, and past president of Macoupin-Montgomery County Working Trades Council, Down's Syndrome Support Group and a coach for Litchfield football and soccer.

Survivors include his parents, Thomas and Shirley Isaacs of Litchfield; two sons, Thomas Isaacs and Daniel Isaacs both of Litchfield; one daughter, Sarah Isaacs of Litchfield; one brother, Shawn Isaacs of Litchfield; and four sisters, Kathy Hardt, Deborah Jenkins and Shawn Hogue all of Litchfield and Shelly Simburger of Mandan, N.D.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Services were held on Friday, March 27, at Pioneer Funeral Home in Litchfield, with Rev. Paul Lasefield officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Litchfield.

Memorials may be made to Down's Syndrome Support Group or St. John's Mercy Medical Center Burn Unit.

Walter Baker
WALTER A. BAKER, 73, of Caseyville died at his residence.

Mr. Baker was born Dec. 18, 1924, in Salem, Mo. He was retired from Four Star Finishing in St. Louis, and had worked at Emerson Electric for 25 years, a member of the Goths Lodge, Moose Lodge #4, Scottish Rite Lodge, Alford Temple, he was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Loeta Baker; his mother, Wanetta (Blackwell) Baker of Farmington, Mo.; daughter, Linda Walters of Collinsville; two sisters, Helen Lee of Farmington, Mo. and Fern Jadwin of

Jadwin, Mo.; granddaughter, Tanya Manning of Granite City; and great-granddaughter, Shelby Manning of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bert Baker, an infant child, one daughter, Loeta; one sister, Beatrice Fish; and one brother, John Baker.

Services were Friday, March 27, at Herr Funeral Home in Caseyville, with Delmer Shirley officiating. Burial was in Green Pond Cemetery in Pea.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Madison County.

quaque, N.M., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, March 22, 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Gilpin, one daughter, Marianne Presser of Las Cruces, N.M.; one son, Patrick of Frederick, Md.; one grandson, Sean of Frederick, Md.; his mother, Agnes Garin of Granite City; and two brothers, Robert Garin and Craig Garin, both of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Marilyn Garin.

Private graveside services were held in Santa Fe National Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements handled by the arrangements.

Ida Holder
IDA M. (STIDHAM) HOLDER, 91, of Granite City died at 9:25 a.m. March 25, 1998, Elmwood Nursing Home in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Holder was born on Feb. 23, 1907, in Cape County, Mo. She had been a housewife and a member of the First Assembly of God.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph Holder and Robert Holder, both of Granite City; two daughters, Ruth King of Pontoon Beach and Priscilla Holder of Granite City; one sister, Dora Rister of Cape County, Mo.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Holder; parents, John and Mary (Thomas) Stidham; three sisters; five brothers; one son, Harry Holder; one daughter, Mildred Granda; great-grandson, Eddie Lance, Jr.; great-granddaughter, Dena Holder.

Services were held on Friday, March 27, at Werner Chapel in Litchfield, with Rev. John Pitters officiating. Burial was at Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Elmwood Care Center Activities Fund.

Michael Isaacs
THOMAS MICHAEL CARL ISAACS, 44, of Litchfield died 10:27 a.m.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

How Much Is It Costing Your Business?

It is a fact that domestic violence is carried over into the workplace. Domestic violence costs employers \$3 to \$5 billion annually just from absenteeism. It is important for employers as well as employees to understand domestic violence and its impact in the workplace.

The Women's Crisis Center of Metro East in cooperation with Memorial Hospital, will present a seminar about domestic violence.

This program will address:

- **Corporate Responsibility**
Current statistics, costs and the law.
- **The Manager's Responsibility**
How to recognize domestic violence, how to approach the issue with employees and how to support an employee who is in this situation.
- **Guidelines For Writing A Corporate Policy**

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ONCE AGAIN THANKS FOR TAKING A CHANCE ON ME I WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN.

SINCERELY,
ED HAGAUER

NEWS

Man critical after accident on 111

By Steve Whitworth
Telegraph staff writer

A man was critically injured in a collision between a tractor-trailer and a car Thursday on Highway 111, just south of Interstate 270.

Kurt Klein was taken by ARCH helicopter ambulance to St. Louis University Medical Center following the crash, which occurred about 1:15 p.m. Thursday in front of the McDonald's restaurant on Hwy. 111.

Klein was listed in critical condition and in surgery on Thursday night, a hospital spokesperson said.

Klein was a passenger in a 1994 Chevrolet Corsica driven

by Edward Klein Jr., 74, of St. Louis. Authorities were unable to provide information about Kurt Klein's age or the relationship between the two men.

Edward Klein's car exited westbound Engineers Road, just north of the McDonald's, and crossed the southbound lanes of Hwy. 111, a spokesman for the Pontoon Beach Police Department said. He said Klein hesitated as he pulled across the median, then pulled into the northbound lanes, directly into the path of a northbound tractor-trailer driven by Lenville Burk, 63, of Ozark, Mo.

The police spokesman said an investigation showed Burk applied his brakes and skidded

some 100 feet before his rig struck Klein's car on the passenger side. After the collision, the tractor-trailer jackknifed, with the cab coming to rest in the drainage ditch on the west side of Hwy. 111 and the trailer still partly on the roadway.

Klein's car was knocked into the ditch, and its passenger cabin was crushed, police said.

Burk, who was driving an empty truck for the Springfield Pallet Co., didn't require medical attention.

Edward Klein was in stable condition Friday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, a hospital spokeswoman said.



Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE

Donation for equipment

Wal-Mart Department Manager Trish Hoback, left, presents a check for \$999 to school board member Jeff Parker. The money will be used to purchase new football uniforms and equipment for the Granite City High School Warriors. With them is GCHS head football coach Nick Petrillo, right.

Village wants to see kids' I.D.

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

For about \$450, the Pontoon Beach Village Board purchased some peace of mind for local parents.

At the request of Lt. Dan McKinney, the police department's juvenile officer, the board approved the purchase of two child identification kits at a cost of \$217.50 per kit.

Each kit includes a camera, backdrop and enough materials for about 150 packets.

"What that program does is encourage the parents to think about child safety," McKinney told the board. "It encourages them to get proper safety records for the children like dental and medical."

"Not only does it educate the parents, it provides peace of

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mind and gives me a tool I can use."

Showing the board a recent publication on missing children, he said some have been gone for 10 years.

"How many here have lost sight of your kids for five or 10 minutes?" he said. "Imagine 10 years not knowing."

"Locally, Pontoon hasn't had that problem, we've had runaways," he said. "Even then, we do not have pictures to go with a subject's name."

He said police hoped to be able to set a day to photograph children and prepare the kits.

It has been tentatively set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 16, in the village hall basement.

McKinney said he and another officer have volunteered their time for the project.

"We're trying to promote awareness of missing children," he said.

The kit, which he said is comparable to a passport, also includes the option for parents of obtaining a record of their child's DNA.

McKinney said DNA is being used more often for identification, most notably by the U.S. military.

In addition, McKinney said they will offer fingerprinting.

"I will print any adult, any child, and if I can get the babies to sit still long enough, the babies," he said.

It boils down to about \$1.45 for each one of these," McKinney said. "That's pretty cheap for a little piece of mind."

Council amends trash code

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

At Tuesday's regular meeting, the Granite City Council amended the municipal code regulating trash pickup.

The modified code now says the collection of garbage and refuse from any commercial or industrial premises or lot abutting any residential district is limited to between 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

In addition, the use of any form of "mechanized, motorized or mechanical" vacuuming or sweeping device for

cleaning or sweeping any commercial or industrial driveway or parking lot is restricted to those same hours.

The code change came in part from resident complaints of nighttime vacuuming on the Nameeki Road Walgreens parking lot.

In other action, the city council passed a resolution that rejected Charter Communications Entertainment's proposal to raise cable subscribers rates.

The cable company had proposed in November an assessment of a tax on the city's

franchise fee, as allowed by a recent 5th Circuit Court of Appeals decision. The court had established that gross revenues from a cable operator could include franchise fees for the purpose of calculating and paying franchise fees.

The council thought it undesirable or wise to increase its revenue at the expense of households and cable subscribers.

The "tax on a tax" would have increased revenues for the city, but also resulted in a larger monthly cable bill for subscribers.

HONORS

Maryville University has named the following students to the Dean's list for their outstanding academic work during the fall semester.

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Lawmakers want passage of tax bill

State Reps. Mike Boland and Mike Smith have urged the State Senate to pass House Bill 314.

Boland, who represents the Quad City Area, is chief sponsor of the bill, and Smith is the chief co-sponsor.

HB 314 passed the State House 76-35 with one voting

present. It had 63 co-sponsors in the House and six in the Senate. The bill raises the ceiling for those eligible for the Circuit Breaker program from \$14,000 annual income to \$30,000 annual income. The bill also lowers the eligibility age from 65 to 62 and attaches a cost of living provision.

The Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, as the Circuit Breaker program formally is known, was designed to help low- and middle-income individuals with heart, diabetes and arthritis problems.

"This updating is needed in order to undo the damage inflation has done over the years to those who this program was designed to help," Boland said. "A yearly income of \$14,000 in 1970 is not the same as a \$14,000 income today."

Smith agreed.

"The cost of living provision in this bill is necessary so that we don't face this same situation 28 years from now," he said.

"With more people being downsized by employers and being forced into early retirement, it is important that we allow those 62 to 64 years of age into the program," Boland said.

"An added benefit is that due to a high percentage of those aged 62 and older in downstate Illinois, there will be a large injection of additional state money into the Canton and Quad Cities (see BILL, Page 6A)

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Man faces more charges for possessing child porn

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Collinsville police have added 11 counts of child pornography to their case against a Stanton man who was charged with one count in December.

A Madison County grand jury Thursday indicted Donald P. Scott Jr., 31, on 11 counts of possession of child pornography. The charges are Class 4 felonies.

Scott was charged with one count Dec. 23 after sexually explicit photos of children were discovered on his computer by a technician repairing it at Computercase, 223 W. Main St. Scott has been free on bond

after posting \$5,000 of his \$50,000 bail the day he was arrested on the charge.

Coppotelli said that the technician inadvertently discovered the pornographic file. It featured several pictures of children — all believed to be between the ages of 10 and 15 in various sexual acts, he said.

The technician called police.

Coppotelli said that police believe the material was purchased from the Internet.

"We don't think he was making the stuff," Coppotelli said. "We've been unable to locate any local victims. He probably purchased it on the Internet."

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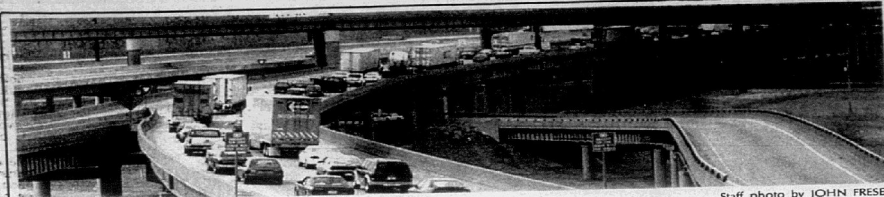
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Traffic on the east end of the Poplar Street Bridge was held to a standstill during a standoff in downtown St. Louis Friday morning. A man who held himself up in a Downtown hotel for several hours was armed and considered a possible sniper threat. Therefore, Inter-

state 70 in St. Louis was closed, causing the snarled traffic. The man was killed at the end of the standoff. Interstate traffic in Illinois was backed up past Exchange Avenue for a couple of hours past the normal rush-hour time.

Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Child-care conference to offer advice to providers

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Child-care providers can face a dizzying array of problems, ranging from bureaucracy to sick children.

To help them develop necessary skills, several agencies are sponsoring a family child-care conference April 18 at the Collinsville Holiday Inn.

The Pathways to Professionalism Family Child Care Conference is sponsored by the Metro-East Home Child Care Association, the Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois Child Care Resource & Referral Program, and Illinois Star-net—Region IV.

"The first year we had maybe 85 people, which is good, but each year it is getting larger and larger, and people are calling from throughout the state."

Shari Schweppe-Streiler
training advisor

"We try to do this every year," said Shari Schweppe-Streiler, training and technical assistance advisor of CHASI's CCR&R program. "This is our fourth year."

"It's a fun time," she said. The conference is geared

toward home-based child-care providers. Most can be licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for up to eight children.

"In Illinois they are not required training except CPR and first aid," Schweppe-Streiler said.

Programs range from "Making Sense of Subsidy," dealing with the state's new subsidized

child care plan; to "Bugs Here, Bugs There, Bugs Everywhere!," dealing with common childhood illnesses and how to spot and combat them.

"Every year we've grown," she said. "The first year we had maybe 85 people, which is good, but each year it is getting larger and larger, and people are calling from throughout the state."

"Hopefully it's going to promote quality and keep them enthused about what they're doing," Schweppe-Streiler said. "We try to let them know that they are appreciated."

The cost of the conference is \$25 and includes three sessions, lunch and access to resources at the event.

For information call CHASI's CCR&R program at 452-8900 or 1-800-467-9200, extension 124.

Cross drama set for Snows shrine

A dramatic Way of the Cross, "We Were There," will be at 7:30 p.m. April 7 at the Church of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville.

Admission is free.

For more information, call June Bricker at the Shrine at 397-6700.

Hassler, Unger promoted to BANK of Edwardsville board

Granite City insurance agent Joseph P. Hassler and Omni Bank President Charles B. Unger have been named as members of the Board of Directors of The BANK of Edwardsville.

Hassler has served as chairman of the board of Omni Bank in Pontoon Beach since 1994. Unger has 22 years of experience in the banking industry and has been Omni Bank president since 1994. The two were named to The BANK's board after the recent acquisition of Omni by The Banc Ed Corp.

Hassler joined the Omni Bank board of directors in 1989 and serves on the loan, marketing and strategic planning committees of the board. He

retired in 1995 from his State Farm Insurance Agency in Granite City, which he established and has operated since 1994.

Unger has been with Omni Bank since its opening in 1991 and has served as president since April of 1994. He is a University of Illinois graduate and has a Master's Degree in business administration from Sangamon State University. Unger also has completed the American Banker's Association intensive Commercial Lending School and has served in several lending and managerial banking positions in Central Illinois and St. Louis.

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regions," Boland said. "This pumping in of extra dollars will mean money spent in local businesses creating more local jobs."

Because this legislation currently is stalemated in the Senate Rules Committee, people

need to call their Senators and tell them to let this important bill out of committee for a vote, Boland said.

For more information, contact Boland at: 605 17th Ave., Suite 2, East Moline, IL, 61244, or call (309) 752-7171.

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Carpeting is a basic element of any new home or remodeling project, yet many seasoned builders aren't aware of what differentiates one piece of carpet from another. Here we present basic information on carpet styles and construction, judging quality and durability, and choosing the right carpet for each room.

Carpet Construction

There are several methods of manufacturing carpet, but over 90 percent of the broadloom carpet made in America is tufted.

Tufted Carpet is manufactured on a high-speed machine that stitches big loops of yarn through the backing fabric. Next a latex coating is applied to lock the loops in place. A secondary backing material is then added for additional strength and stability.

Backing Basics

All carpet has a backing of some type. It is the material that holds the surface yarns together, providing a solid foundation for the carpet. Polypropylene is the most common. It is strong, durable, resists mildew, and is well suited for humid climates. In some carpets the secondary backing material is foam. While not as strong, no additional underpad is needed, and it must be glued down. Jute is a natural plant fiber that is strong, durable and resilient.

Carpet Styles

There really is no limit to the number and types of carpet styles available. We simplify carpet into four broad groups. Plush carpet has a dense level-cut pile of about a half inch or less. Plush carpets show vacuum tracks and footprints. Textured carpet has twisted tufts that mask vacuum tracks and footprints. Both are suitable for use throughout a home. Prints typically have a very dense level-cut pile of about a quarter inch.

In recent years, printed carpets have become increasingly popular for kitchens and family rooms, home offices, play rooms and basements. Berbers are either level loop or multi-level loop carpets, constructed from randomly dyed yarns. They are suited for informal rooms and high-traffic areas, like family rooms.

Carpet Fibers and Yarns

The carpet fiber affects the appearance, performance and value of a carpet. During the manufacturing process, the fiber is converted to yarn, which is then tufted to form the pile—the surface you walk on. Most carpets are made entirely of one fiber type, but some styles contain a blend.

Nylon is the ideal carpet fiber. It has outstanding durability, performance, resilience and appearance. Olefin is less resilient than nylon. When used in traffic areas it will show wear quickly. It is best used in indoor/outdoor carpet because it resists moisture and in tight, loop-pile commercial carpets. Polyester carpets are soft to the touch, but less durable than nylon. Polyester is best for low traffic areas where style is the main criterion. Wool is a natural material that produces beautiful carpets.

More important than the fiber itself is the yarn construction. Continuous filament yarn is extruded as a solitary piece of yarn. Staple yarn is many shorter pieces of extruded fiber which have been spun together to form a longer yarn. If you scratch your nails down over a piece of staple yarn carpet, you will accumulate a pile of lint and fuzz. Continuous filament carpet will not pill, shed lint or fuzz. Additionally, continuous filament carpet is less likely to mat or crush.

Choosing the Right Color

It is best to think of a house as a collective whole, rather than a series of unrelated rooms. The goal is to use carpeting to help create visual continuity throughout. Colors themselves are really a matter of personal taste, but there are some practical guidelines. Light-colored carpets will show lint and crumbs, but hide dirt and grime. Conversely, dark-colored carpets will show lint and crumbs, but hide dirt and grime. Textured and printed carpets are very effective at hiding all types of soil.

Quality and Durability

While the specific merits of a particular carpet can be best explained by a knowledgeable dealer, there are some basic guidelines to determining how well a carpet will retain its original appearance. Generally, nylon fiber, continuous filament carpets are the strongest, most resilient carpets available. The tighter the yarn is twisted, the better it will retain its appearance. Check the density of the carpet. With the tufts facing outward, bend the carpet into a "U" and see how much of the backing shows. The more dense the carpet, the less backing you will see. Finally, always deal with an established firm with a reputation for standing behind their work.

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NEWS SIUE debates cloning issue

By Paul Mackie
Telegraph staff writer

Mark Bolyard is not in favor of human cloning, but his interest in the topic has been peaked as it draws nearer to becoming a reality.

Bolyard is an associate professor of biological sciences at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He asked students many questions about human cloning, which has not been known to happen yet, at a Chancellor's Colloquium last Tuesday at Woodland Hall.

"Think about what physically defines a human. Is a brain-dead person a human?" he said. "If a person has received a pig heart (in a transplant), is the person still a human?"

Students gathered in groups in an attempt to answer what the exact definition of a human is. Most of their answers focused on the different brain activity between humans and other animals, such as: the ability to reason, be creative and be self-aware.

"I think there's a certain subset of people who want to create life, either because they want to become God or they see no need for God," Bolyard said.

He said some scientists are in favor of human cloning because of the opportunity to

"I think there's a certain subset of people who want to create life, either because they want to become God or they see no need for God."

Mark Bolyard

control human evolution, rather than leaving the process to chance and selection.

"I can't think of a good reason why we should do it," Bolyard said.

He said many reasons have been suggested by the scientific community as to why human cloning would be good. But he added that none of the suggestions would actually be the cloning of humans as defined by the students.

One suggestion is that "brainless" individuals could be produced and used at organ farms, where organs could be removed from the brainless bodies for transplant.

"If the body is simply there

to donate (without ever having a brain), is that individual a human?" Bolyard said. Another suggestion is that individuals without brains could be used in space exploration because the bodies could travel in space for longer periods of time than "regular" humans.

Cloning became a hot topic a few years ago when a scientist in Scotland cloned a sheep, Bolyard said. The definition of cloning is "the genetically identical cells or organisms derived from a single cell or individual by asexual reproduction or cell division."

Bolyard said a lot of criticism has arisen lately because, "The (first sheep) is no longer around to compare that sheep with the cloned one. Plus, nobody has been able to repeat (cloning)."

He said it takes many attempts before a cloning ever becomes a success.

Bolyard said there's a possibility that failed attempts at cloning may produce "beasts." To clone humans, Bolyard said, "You take cells from the skin and an egg from a donor, and transfer the DNA (from the skin) into the egg cell. You then allow it to develop into a certain size and plant it in the mother to be born."

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Funds move ahead for area roadways

By Dennis Grubaugh
Telegraph staff writer

Two local highway projects have received a financial boost from a U.S. House transportation committee.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee last week approved \$4.275 million for use on Illinois 159 in the Edwardsville area and \$2.5 million for land acquisition needed for the extension of Interstate 255 from Illinois Route 140 to Fosterburg Road.

The office of U.S. Rep. Tim Wirth announced the funding Wednesday. Shimkus said his 20th Congressional District could receive \$20 million as part of the six-year bill.

The money represents just a "drop" of what is needed on both projects and still needs to be approved by a conference committee of both the U.S. Senate and House, the full House and Senate, and eventually the President. But officials at both state and federal levels are optimistic that the money will eventually materialize.

"We got it a drop here and a drop there, but pretty soon you have a bucket," said Dick Smith, assistant to the director for policy and federal affairs at the Illinois Department of Transportation. "We are optimistic."

Smith said the Illinois 159 funds could be used anywhere along 159, from Illinois 143 in Edwardsville to just south of the county line at Collinsville.

Shrine restaurant manager appointed chairman

Chuck Schumacher, general manager of the Shrine Restaurant in Belleville, has been appointed chairman of the 48th annual Midwestern Food Service and Equipment Exposition, which will be April 5-6 at the Trans World Dome at America's Center in St. Louis.

This is the largest regional food-service show in the Midwest and is sponsored by the Missouri Restaurant Association. Food-service and hospital operators from Missouri,

The northernmost 2.2-mile stretch is the planned relocation of 159 that will run from downtown Edwardsville to Center Grove Road. Beyond that point, 159 is slated for widening all the way to Interstate 64.

Use of the money will depend on when — or if — the money is received by IDOT from the federal government and what kind of restrictions are placed on its use, Smith said.

Smith said the full House will vote next week on the transportation bill, then the measure will go immediately to the conference committee. The hope is that President Clinton will sign the bill by May 1, he said.

The Alton Bypass has been allotted \$2.5 million for land acquisition between Illinois 140 and Fosterburg Road. The new four-lane connector will eventually join I-255/270 and U.S. Route 67. U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello is the primary sponsor of the bypass project, which is a 22-mile segment of roadway estimated to eventually cost \$100 million.

Shimkus said the bill also contains \$6.8 million for engineering work and land acquisition for 10.6 miles of new highway 67 between Godfrey and Jerseyville.

River Bend Growth Association President Don Miller said "Corridor 67" is estimated at \$30 million overall.

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NEWS

Try to influence someone else's day

"Judge each day not by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant."

Robert Louis Stevenson
What you deliver with one hand, you will gather with two. It is the natural law of the universe, the alpha (beginning) and omega (end). The encouragement, help and happiness that you share with others will come back full circle to you. Everything that goes around, comes around.

Positively influencing another person's life will make your own life brighter as a result. Giving to others without a thought of payment or reward can help to make the world a better place for yourself, your family and your fellow human beings. One person can make a difference.

We will reap exactly what we sow, good or evil. Every good deed will beget good results and bad will bring bad results. Know that, "Whatever you sow sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously," as states in Corinthians 9:6.

God is able to make all things come to you, so in all that you do, be overflowing in goodness to His children, as an expression of thanks for the abundance of blessings and talents that He has bestowed upon you.

Show unconditional love to others. Love was not put into your heart to stay, but it was made to be given away.



Catherine Galasso

Bring a ray of sunshine to others. Bake cookies for a class-room treat, share a book with a friend that means much to you or have tea with a person who has no company. Mail a card to someone who needs their day brightened.

Teach children to perform good deeds. On a snowy day, encourage them to shovel a neighbors driveway, to care for a friend's pet while they are on vacation or to donate a part of their allowance to a needy charity. Discuss with the child the importance of giving and doing for others.

Get involved in the community. "I go to area convalescent homes and play the accordion," one amateur musician said. "The elderly enjoy singing along and the music cheers them up. It makes me feel so good to see them happy."

Your deeds don't have to be elaborate. Grocery shop for someone who is sick. Do laundry, go to the bank or pay bills for an older person. Offer to drive a neighbor to the doctor if they are having medical tests taken.

It makes a person feel good to help those in need. A recent study revealed that people who did volunteer work at least once a week, out-lived those who did none. That implies that doing something for another is a powerful contributor to health and a long life.

The memory of your good deed can be eternal. When we leave this world, let our legacy be that we left it a better place than when we found it. "The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it," wrote William James.

If each one of us did just one good deed a day, imagine what kind of world we would live in. Let me leave you today dear readers, with a passage from Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not."

You are a wonderful individual, share your unique self with the world so that others can benefit and you will become a leader among all human beings. As this column comes to a close, I feel so happy. The joy I've shared with you has come back and filled my heart. See you next time!

Catherine Galasso is a freelance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Community

The Granite City Jaycees are hosting a **BENEFIT CHICKEN AND BEER DANCE FOR SARAH KENNELLY**, and have joined together with the 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, the Columbus Home Association and the Pontoon Beach Lions.

The benefit is set for 7 p.m. to midnight May 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City. Door prizes, a parade of donations and auction and music by Jeff and Lori are all offered. Tickets are a \$10 donation.

For more information on the benefit, call the Jaycees at 877-4250. The **GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT'S** Easter Egg Hunt is set for April 11 at Sykes Field in Wilson Park, for preschool through first grade only. Each child must bring a container.

Times are: First grade, 9 a.m.; Kindergarten, 9:30; and preschool, 10. For more information, call 877-3059. An "Easter Parade," the 13th annual Spring Dinner Dance and Auction sponsored by the **OLD SIX MILE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, will be held March 28 at St. Gregory Armenian Hall, 3501 Century Drive in Granite City. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., there will be a cash bar as well as a silent auction. Gifts for the auction have been donated by merchants, members and many friends of the Society.

Donation for the evening is \$12.50 per person, and tickets must be purchased in advance from members of the organization before March 23. Call Elmer Stille, general chairman of the event, about tickets at 877-1208 or call 931-3023.

Music/concerts

The **STAN FORNASZEWSKI BIG BAND** of Granite City performs from 4 to 6 p.m. April 8 at the Crystal Ballroom, 113 mile east of Interstate 44, in St. Louis. The event features music "For Your Dancing Pleasure." Doors open at 3:15 p.m. For more information, call Cindy at 636-3506. For concert and dance information,

call 451-2889, and to book the orchestra, call 451-1348.

The first artists signed up to appear at the **RIVERPORT AMPHITHEATRE** in Maryland Heights, off I-70 at the Earth City Expressway South, include:

Dave Matthews Band, 7:30 p.m. May 31. Lawn and reserved seats, \$27.50. Lawn tickets are on sale; reserved tickets go on sale at 5 p.m. April 3.

Clint Black, 7:30 p.m. June 13. Special guests Trace Adkins and The Kinleys. Lawn tickets, \$17.50; reserved seats, \$24 and \$29.50. Lawn tickets are on sale; reserved tickets go on sale at noon on April 5.

Michael Crawford, 8:30 p.m. June 17. Lawn tickets, \$22; reserved seats, \$40.50, \$52.50 and \$62.50. All tickets are on sale now. **James Taylor**, 8:30 p.m. June 26. Lawn tickets, \$15; reserved seats, \$35. Lawn tickets now on sale; reserved tickets on sale at noon on April 4.

Pearl Jam, 8 p.m. July 2. Lawn and reserved tickets, \$26. Tickets on sale now. **Metallica**, 7 p.m. July 26. Special guests Jerry Cantrell and Days Of The New. Lawn tickets, \$27.50; reserved seats, \$37.50. Tickets now on sale.

LeAnn Rimes and **Bryan White**, 8 p.m. August 16. Lawn tickets, \$17.50; reserved seats, \$27.50. Lawn tickets on sale now; reserved seats on sale at noon April 4. Tickets are available at the Riverport box office or at more than 40 Capital Ticket outlets, including Famous Barr and Streetside Records, or charge by phone at Dialtix, 988-9000.

The Gregg Smith Singers choral group will appear at 7:30 p.m. April 27 at **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT EDWARDSVILLE** as part of the Arts & Issues series.

The three-time Grammy Award-winning mixed choir is one of the most recorded singing groups and one of the few professional choirs still on tour in the United States. The concert, featuring 16 singers, will take place in SIUE's Communications Building theater. The concert will include contemporary works by Stephen Paulus and Gregg Smith; works by Dufay, Monteverdi, and Edwin London.

Tickets are \$12; students, \$6, and are available at SIUE's University Center at the Union Station ticket office, 622-2222, or from St. Louis toll-free, 621-5168, ext. 2320. TTY/TDD service is available for patrons with hearing impairments, 692-3762 (V/T).

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Corrina Ann Wendel celebrates a birthday April 1.

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John and Carmen Bridick celebrate their wedding anniversary April 2.

Janice (Kramer) Myatt celebrates a birthday April 2.

Barbara L. Barr celebrates a birthday April 2.

Chiffie Nichols celebrates a birthday April 3.

Jason Thompson celebrates a birthday April 3.

Jesse Gribble celebrates a birthday April 3.

Nellie and Terry Henderson celebrate their wedding anniversary April 3.

John Lake celebrates a birthday April 4.

Jonathan Soboleski celebrates a birthday April 4.

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Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has passed away or no longer wishes to be listed.

Motorcycle courses free of charge at BAC

Free motorcycle courses will be offered at Belleville Area College beginning Friday. Course 3 will be from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Motorcycles, helmets and insurance are provided free.

Students enrolling must be 16 years of age. Students also must be Illinois residents and possess a valid drivers license or permit. Sixteen- and 17-year-olds can use this course to obtain a Class M license. For those people 18 years old and older this course will

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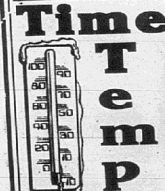
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NEWS

Reform Party has tough time at primaries

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Telegraph staff writer

For those who have waited all this time, Reform Party voters in Madison County chose Steve Denari in a March 17 squeaker over Don A. Torgersen by an 8-7 vote in the party's primary for the U.S. Senate.

Statewide results, as far as the Reform Party goes, will have to await the official canvass April 6, and that's a problem for people such as Lee Presser of Glen Carbon.

Presser, a Reform Party voter, said his party is being treated like a group of second-class citizens by election officials and the media.

Presser said election judges in Madison County did not appear prepared to record the votes of Reform Party members on Election Day, nor has the media made a sufficient effort to report them.

"It's as if our party is the un-party," said Dawn Larson, the chairwoman of the Party Building Committee of the Reform Party of the U.S.A.

"When I walked into the polling place and asked for a ballot, the election judge looked at me in shock," Presser said.

It took several minutes and a call to Edwardsville to figure out how to allow Presser to vote, he said.

Larson, who was in Edwardsville on Monday, said the Associated Press did not bother to publish results of the Reform Party races.

"They said they would provide complete results but covered only two of three pri-

maries," she said. "It's disappointing. There are people, including those in the Democratic and Republican parties, who want to know the results."

Presser said the lack of coverage is a result of laziness on the part of the Associated Press and failure to understand the legitimacy of the Reform Party's standing in politics.

Larson, of Aurora, was in the area attempting to build up the local party structure.

She pointed out that the U.S. Senate candidate from her party has a chance to take 10 percent of the vote and an outside chance of winning. The candidate could create a swing toward one party or the other, she said.

A total of 17 people out of about 34,000 voters who went to the polls in Madison County last Tuesday took out Reform Party ballots, County Clerk Mark Von Nida said.

He said the election judge referred to by Presser may have been shocked at the appearance of a Reform Party supporter because they were so rare on Tuesday.

Philomena Nirchi was the party's top vote-getter with 14. She ran unopposed for the lieutenant governor spot on the ballot. Lawrence Redmond, the unopposed governor candidate, got only 13 votes. Von Nida said several people from the three parties submitted blank ballots.

For attorney general, Daniel J. Kalris lost to Jesse Dowell Jr. on a 9-5 vote. Sandra Millatt beat out Maryam Omar for the secretary of state spot by a vote of 9-6. The treasurer's race ended in a 7-7

tie between Valerie Bain and William P. Rakes.

Nevertheless, Von Nida said he tried to make sure the Reform Party vote was taken and recorded fairly.

"I provided special Reform Party ballots and held five training sessions for election judges. That was one of many of the points we covered," he said.

The county clerk said he did not provide separate ballot booths for the Reform Party because so few voters were anticipated, and it would have cost \$15,000 to provide the added equipment.

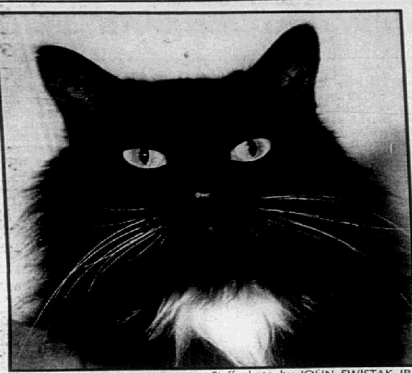
"I think by the results that my decision was vindicated," he said, adding that his staff worked very hard to tabulate the results in a timely manner.

Von Nida said Reform Party results were available from Madison County, along with results from the other parties and from nonpartisan voting.

The lack of coverage by the Associated Press reflected an apparent lack of interest in the party's voting, said John Dowling, news editor for the Associated Press in Chicago.

He said the wire service had correspondents posted in all counties on Election Night, but not all counties had Reform Party results available. Therefore, partial results would have been meaningless, he said.

"It was a matter of news judgment. As far as what our members wanted, the Reform Party results were at the bottom of the pole," Dowling said.



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Kids get taste of culture

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

From dancers to demonstrations, students at Grant Middle School got a little taste of different cultures recently at their annual Multicultural Day.

"It's really fun," said Jolene Washick, an eighth-grader at Grant. "There is a lot of participation and it keeps the kids interested."

From Africa to Hawaii and Japan to Mexico, presentations on the different cultures' heritages and customs were given to the fourth-through eighth-graders at the school.

Multicultural Day began about six years at Grant, said teacher Debbie Brewer, director of Multi-Cultural Day.

"I think kids today are much more aware of the world than

they were 30 years ago," Brewer said.

Brewer said the Multicultural Day has expanded to more than a one-day activity. Now, the students have various speakers and projects throughout the year to work on and learn more about different ethnicities.

Students traced their heritage back to the country of its origin last fall, Brewer said, and different speakers have been coming to the classrooms.

"We have resource booklets that each team of teachers incorporates into their regular curriculum," Brewer said.

"We've made a few changes this year and I think the students are more interested (in their culture)."

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Applications will be accepted through June 1. For more information or to reserve an application, call the American Lung Association at 1-800-LUNG-USA (1-800-556-4572).

Madison golf links could see visit from the Tiger

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Gateway National Golf Links is one of four St. Louis area golf courses vying for the first 1998 Tiger Woods Foundation Junior Golf Clinic and Exhibitions.

On Tuesday, the St. Louis Sports Commission announced the clinic would be held June 27-30 at a yet undetermined golf course.

However, Madison city officials said the new golf course — slated to open either in May or June — is one of four possible sites for the clinic.

St. Louis' bid — submitted by the Sports Commission —

was one of four selected by the TWF based on demonstrated support for golf for inner-city youth as well as the community's ability to support the event.

The four-day clinic will feature Tiger Woods giving a hands-on lesson to 25 kids selected from the community, and minority golf instructors will teach an additional 100. Following the clinic, 2,500 kids from local organizations and after-school programs will enjoy an exhibition and discussion led by Woods, where he will speak about his experiences, answer questions from the children and give a hitting demonstration.

In addition, Tiger Woods' father Earl Woods — author of "Training a Tiger: A Father's Guide to Raising a Winner in Both Golf and Life," will speak to children, parents and adult mentors on the values of parenting and golf in a special session called "Caring and Sharing."

The clinic will also offer a celebrity fund-raising auction and a series of workshops aimed at families.

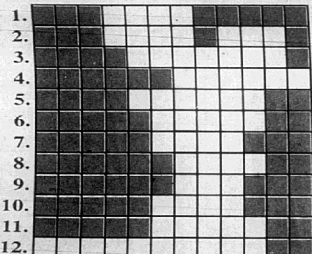
Participants in the clinics and exhibitions will be chosen by the Tiger Woods Foundation and will center on inner-city neighborhoods and community organizations which help underprivileged kids.



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3. Player throwing the ball from the mound
4. When a player fails to connect the bat with the ball
5. One in charge of calling balls & strikes
6. All leather and five fingers
7. The bat strikes this
8. Vocal encouragement
9. Long skinny object made of wood
10. There are four on the field
11. Horizontal position for reaching base
12. One who can catch a fly ball that's hit past the infield

ANSWERS: 1. foul 2. home run 3. pitcher 4. strike 5. umpire 6. glove 7. ball 8. yell 9. bat 10. base 11. slider 12. outfielder

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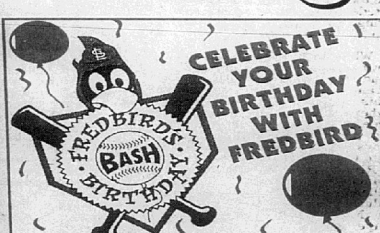
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Special to the Journal

Hoops notes: Stallings still hot commodity

Notes from postseason basketball tournaments:

When Illinois State University lost 32-49 to top-seeded Arizona in the second round of the NCAA's West Regional, the outcome may have appeared to be a low note for Redbirds coach Kevin Stallings.

The fact is that ISU trailed 30-27 at halftime and actually pulled to a 32-32 tie early in the second half before wearing down. More important is the first-round victory — an upset of Tennessee — that gave the Redbirds a school record 25 wins in a season.

With a 25-6 record, all Collinsville native Stallings did was reinforce the credentials that make him the annual target of larger schools seeking a new coach.

By coincidence, it was an offer from Tennessee last year that led to Stallings getting a \$100,000 raise from ISU for a current salary at \$250,000.

While Stallings has been quoted as saying "It's completely my expectation that I'll be back as the Illinois State (men's) basketball coach next year," he also has said, "I'm like any other honest American. If somebody calls and there's something that interests me, like happened a couple of times in the last year, then there will be a conversation."

Overtime

St. Louis not only was the site of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament won by Illinois State, but the Kiel Center also hosted Valparaiso, the Cinderella team of the men's postseason.

Years ago, this scribe was familiar with Valpo during my baseball-playing days in the Indiana Collegiate Conference, of which my alma mater (St. Joseph's of Indiana) was a member. Something I did not know, though, was that Orville Redenbacher, the late popcorn king, was a native of Valparaiso.

While Valpo benefited from two foreigners — a Lithuanian and Croatian — the value of a transfer was equally evident this year at Quincy High, where 6-foot-6 Luis Rivas of Puerto Rico led the Blue Devils past four-time Class AA boys champ Peoria Manual into the state finals in Peoria. Rivas, who gained MVP honors in the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic, tallied 30 points in a 72-52 rout of Manual in the Normal Super-Sectional at the ISU Redbird Arena.

If East St. Louis Lincoln coach Bernie Lewis moaned about the disparity in fouls in his loss to Centralia at Carbondale's Super-Sectional, I wonder what he would have said

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GIRLS TRACK

More than 700 female high school track athletes from across the Midwest will converge on East St. Louis this Friday and Saturday for the Jackie Joyner-Kersey East St. Louis Relays.

The event includes a "Winning in Life" motivational session featuring Joyner-Kersey and other top athletes on Friday, and track-and-field competition on Saturday. The top senior participant in the relays will receive a \$5,000 scholarship presented by the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Gold Medal Club and Joyner-Kersey House of Charities. The recipient must be a graduating senior and carry a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher.

What makes the JJK East St. Louis Relays unique is Friday's motivational session, set for 4-6 p.m. at Lincoln Senior High School, 1211 Bond Ave. The

Jackie Joyner-Kersey meet includes chance to mingle with top athletes

session is presented by Joyner-Kersey, who traditionally involves other world-class athletes. Participants break up into small groups and get a chance to interact face-to-face with the athletes.

The list of athletes participating this session is still being finalized, said a spokesperson at Joyner-Kersey's Elite International Sports Marketing, Inc. Athletes who have participated in the past include Olympic gold medalist Gail Devers, Florence Griffith-Joyner and Al Joyner.

"It really motivates these girls, because they get a chance to meet and talk to great athletes who have really achieved," said David Dorr, a Jackie

Joyner-Kersey Youth Center Foundation board member and a long-time booster of track and field in the St. Louis area. "Meeting and talking to these successful athletes is maybe just as important as the meet itself."

Saturday's competition is set for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Clyde Jordan Stadium, 800 N. 47th St. The event kicks off with officials and coaches meetings, elementary and ninth-grade events, varsity field events and preliminaries for the track events before the opening ceremonies at 11 a.m. Finals begin at 11:30 a.m.

Sponsors of the Jackie Joyner-Kersey East St. Louis Relays include Aramark

Food Service, Coca-Cola, McDonald's, Elite International Sports Marketing, Inc. and Riverview Ford-Mercury.

Joyner-Kersey is working hard to help provide area youth with the opportunity to develop the tools needed to succeed in today's world. The Jackie Joyner-Kersey Youth Center Foundation plans to break ground in June for a youth center at Interstate 64 and 25th St. in the heart of East St. Louis. The center will offer development activities like tutoring, computer skills training, field trips, community service projects, recreation and sports, as well as cultural arts activities and events.

The Jackie Joyner-Kersey Gold Medal Club is also teaming with Ronald McDonald House Charities to offer scholarships totaling \$40,000 to graduating seniors in East St. Louis and throughout St. Clair and Madison counties.

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Houston takes helm at MacMurray College

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

It has been seven years since Joshua Houston played soccer for Gene Baker at Granite City High School.

From there, Houston went via a four-year scholarship to Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., where he played soccer from 1992-1996, serving as team captain his senior season.

Also as a senior, Houston was named a first-team all-conference soccer selection.

A 1992 graduate of GCHS, Houston spent the 1997 academic year as a communications instructor at Western Illinois University in Macomb. He also served as the school's assistant coach in men's soccer.

Recently, Houston was named the new head coach of the women's soccer team at MacMurray College in Jacksonville. He will also serve as the school's assistant director of intramurals.

"Josh has a great soccer background, having played for a soccer power at Granite City High School and then playing in college at Culver-Stockton," said MacMurray Athletic Director Robert Gay. "He also had a brief, but effective coaching career in college soccer. He is young and energetic. He will take off where former coach Pete Watkins left off."

Watkins, who coached the Lady Highlanders in 1997, left the NCAA Division III program to become head coach of the women's soccer squad at Northwestern State University of Louisiana, an NCAA Division I school.

While Houston is still settling into his new position at MacMurray, he won't be spending much time around the campus this spring.

"High school girls play soccer in the spring, so I'll be hitting the road to see them play," said Houston. "My main focus of recruiting will be in the St. Louis area. That's the area I know. I'm familiar with the coaches, the teams



Granite City graduate Joshua Houston will coach the women's soccer team at MacMurray College.

and the tradition I'll probably get to several Granite City games. And if Gene Baker wants to send me some girls, I'll be more than happy to take them for our program at MacMurray."

MacMurray is a 151-year-old liberal arts institution, with a highly successful men's soccer program. But women's soccer at MacMurray is only 7 years old, and the first six years have been a bumpy road.

"The key factor working against building a successful program at MacMurray has been the instability," Houston said. "The program is seven years old and I'm the fourth coach. You can't recruit that way. High school coaches just aren't going to direct their graduating players to a school where they don't know who's going to be coaching there in two years. So, we're trying to stabilize things and — as we build a winning program that can rival that of the men's."

If anyone can make it happen, it's Houston, who is focused on what needs to be done and committed to getting it done.

"We lost six players off a

(See HOUSTON, Page 4B)



East St. Louis Lincoln junior Rita Adams helped the Tigerettes reach the IHSA Class AA championship game.

Tigerettes' Adams chases her dreams

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Rita Adams, the spunky point guard who led the East St. Louis Lincoln Tigerettes to a second place finish in the Class AA girls state basketball tournament three weeks ago, is the Player of the Year in Class AA girls basketball for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

Adams edged backcourt partner Lakeisha Cole for the coveted honor, selected in the poll of Metro East Class AA girls basketball coaches.

But Adams is more than a scrappy defender and a savvy floor general. She is also a dream-chaser.

"We had a dream of going out as state champions," Adams confessed. "We knew this was Lincoln's last year, and we wanted to go out with the ultimate prize. The Player of the Year honor is really nice, but I'd trade it for one more win at the state tournament."

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR	
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Rita Adams, East St. Louis Lincoln	
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Adams did her part, scoring 96 points in four state tournament games, including a 35-point performance against highly favored Taylorville in the Salem Super-Sectional.

Adams, who is the defensive heart of the team, drew the dubious honor of guarding All-American Allison Curtin in that game.

"Allison Curtin was, without question, the toughest person I have ever guarded in my life," said Adams.

Curtin, who averaged 29 points per game on the year, scored 32 against Lincoln. Still, Adams was one of the few players in the last four years

to actually outscore Curtin in head-to-head game competition.

"Rita is the key to our defense," said Tigerettes coach Charles McDonald. "She has such great talent and makes such great decisions. Our offense feeds off our defense. And the reason Rita and Keisha (Cole) had such good years offensively for us is because of the job they did on defense, especially Rita."

"I like playing defense," said Adams. "It's hard work harder than offense. But I like the challenge of trying to shut down an opponent's top player. But defense is still something I need to work on the go. Over the summer, I'm going to really work on my

defense and work on improving my jump shot. I want to be a much better player as a senior than I was as a junior."

McDonald had nothing but praise for his point guard, who ethic of his point guard, who

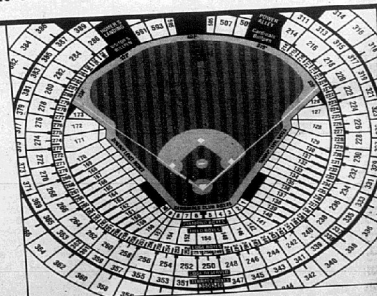
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SPORTS

World Class teams bring home hardware

Special to the Journal

The girls teams at World Class gymnastics in Belleville brought home a collection of medals and trophies from two recent meets.

At the Level 6 sectionals on March 11, World Class placed first in the 7-11 age group and also won the super-team (overall) competition. There were approximately 20 teams at sectionals. The girls qualified for the state meet, which was Saturday and today in Peoria.

The Level 6 squad (ages 7-11) included:

- Roxie Clark of Collinsville (third on floor, ninth on vault, eighth on beam, second on bars and fifth all-around (35.40)).
- Rachel Jerashen of Waterloo (first on floor, fourth on vault, 13th on beam, eighth on bars and seventh all-around (35.05)).
- Elizabeth Johnson (12th on floor, first on bars).
- Stacy Pashea of Collinsville (first on floor and vault, 14th on beam, second on bars and third all-around (35.50)).
- Erin Yanousek of Collinsville (sixth on floor, eighth on vault, fourth

GYMNASTICS

on beam, third on bars and fourth all-around (35.45)).

Rachel Littlejohn of Belleville (fifth on floor and bars, second on vault, ninth on beam and fourth all-around (35.45)).

Kacie Price of Granite City (fourth on floor, first on vault, second on beam, eighth on bars and second all-around (35.70)).

World Class also did well at the St. Jude's Children's Hospital Meet, Jan. 16-18 in Peoria. The girls also raised \$17,615.50 for the hospital. The top three fund raisers were Jordyn Reininger (\$193), Jenna Anderson (\$150) and Libby Dietrich (\$114).

Results from the St. Jude's meet are listed below:

LEVEL 5

- 8-and-under: Lindsay Austin (Collinsville): fourth on floor, sixth on vault, second on beam, seventh on bars and fifth all-around (30.15); Kelli Gimbus (Swansea): fourth on floor, second on vault, seventh on beam, fifth on bars and sixth all-around (29.80); Nicole Kellogg (Belleville): first on floor and vault, second on

beam, third on bars and second all-around (33.05).

- 9-year-olds: Jarrica Carlyle (Glen Carbon): fifth on floor, ninth on vault, second on beam, first on bars and second all-around (33.175); Ellen Hope (Fairview Heights): fourth on floor, eighth on vault, 10th on beam, second on bars and eighth all-around (31.10); Holly Reeb (Belleville): fifth on floor and vault, seventh on beam, fourth on bars and sixth all-around (31.30); Jillian Tappendorf (Swansea): first on floor, second on vault, beam and bars and first all-around (33.40); Alexei Threlkeld (Swansea): fifth on floor and bars, seventh on vault, third on beam and fourth all-around (31.75); Kaitlin Witte (Millstadt): sixth on floor and vault, first on beam and bars and second all-around (32.25).
- 10-year-olds: Jamie Gimbus (Swansea): first on vault; Heather Mahassek (Glen Carbon): first on floor, sixth on vault, third on beam, fourth on bars, second all-around (33.40); Kristin Nettleton (Fairview Heights): seventh on floor and vault, fifth on beam, first on bars, fourth all-around (32.65).
- 12 and over: Emily Brantley (Shil-

loh): fifth on floor, ninth on vault, second on beam, first on bars, second all-around (33.175).

LEVEL 6

- 9 and under: Roxie Clark: 10th on floor, third on bars.
- 10-year-olds: Erin Yanousek: third on floor, fourth on beam, first on bars and first all-around (34.375); Stacy Pashea: seventh on floor, fourth on bars and fifth all-around (33.275); Rachel Jerashen: fifth on vault, first on bars, second on beam.
- 11-year-olds: Rachel Littlejohn: eighth on floor, second on vault, seventh on beam, third on bars, second all-around (34.40); Kacie Price: third on floor, fifth on vault, first on beam and bars, second all-around (34.40).

LEVEL 8

- 8-11: Rachel Holloway (Swansea); Carley Powers (Fenton Mo.): second on vault and beam, fifth on bars, fourth on floor and second all-around (34.35); Jennifer Welten (Trenton): first on vault and beam, 10th on bars, eighth on floor and fifth all-around (34.05); Lara Bosick (Belleville): eighth on vault, sixth on bars, third on beam, first on

floor, sixth all-around (33.75); Jenna Zimmer (Cahokia): fourth on vault, first on bars, second on beam and floor, first all-around (35.35).

AGES 12-13: Ashleigh Tate (Belleville): first on beam and floor, fifth all-around (34.55); Kayla Dunn (Fairview Heights): eighth on vault and beam, first on bars, fourth on floor and third all-around (34.55); Jennifer Vallero (Smithton): fourth on vault, second on bars, seventh on beam, third on floor, second all-around (34.65).

LEVEL 10

- Junior B (age 15): Amanda Holden (O'Fallon): fifth on bars, second on beam, vault and floor and third all-around (34.55); Heather Holden (O'Fallon): first on bars and beam, third on floor, fourth on vault and second all-around (34.52); Kasey Karban (Belleville): fourth on bars and beam, first on floor.

The head coach at World Class is Patrick Hulliung. Assistant coaches are Donna Berutti, Beckie Gilliland, Laura Atwood and Brian Delano.



Pee Wee House team 1

The Granite City Pee Wee House team 1 is pictured above. The team is off to a 9-3-5 start this season. Pictured above (from left to right) are: in front — Nathan Kamp, Mark Matteson, Chris Kooser, Michael Scannell, Aaron Clark, Tim Eichorn, Patrick Read and team captain Brett Riekens; in back, assistant coach Mike Zolkowski, Josh Case, Jesse Gernig, John Drenkhahn, Jacob Sitze, Ryan Smith, head coach Pat Culbick. Not pictured are Justin McClintock and team representatives Tim and Barb Cleary.

Comanches open with tie vs. Kahoks

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Cahokia baseball coach Joe Moore and Collinsville coach Steve McFall were both disappointed for different reasons Thursday afternoon when their game was halted after seven innings because of darkness.

The game ended in a 2-2 draw and will not be completed.

"We have got to adapt to conditions and we didn't," McFall said. "We didn't execute when we had the opportunity. We had first and third with the middle of our lineup up. We had a guy on second with nobody out. We missed three or four signs and my teams generally don't do that. We didn't play well."

"We just didn't do what our teams have always done. Our teams have won these kinds of games in the past. We didn't win it and I'm not very happy with my ball club."

Moore was disappointed the Comanches let an early 2-0 lead slip away in the sixth and seventh innings.

"We had them. We had them beat. We let it slip away, but that's baseball," Moore said. "We'll be there. We are a good, heady team and know how to play baseball. This is a great group of kids here. We are going to be around a long time this season."

The Comanches scored their two runs in the bottom of the third frame. Darius

PREP BASEBALL CAHOKIA 2, COLLINSVILLE 2

Smith led off the inning by drawing a base on balls from Collinsville hurler Kenny "Big Country" Lutz. Smith advanced to second on a balk.

Antwan Swims dropped a bunt on the grass toward third base. Lutz collected the ball and fired a strike to first base. Swims went into first, head first and was called safe. McFall argued with the first base umpire that Swims was out on the play, but his argument fell on deaf ears.

Swims bunt single put runners on the corners for the Comanches. They weren't there for long. Lutz tried to pickoff Swims at first but a wild throw skipped past Jerry Tipton. Smith scored on the play while Swims advanced to third.

Swims came around to score on Lutz's wild pitch to give the Comanches a 2-0 lead.

Cahokia held that lead until the sixth inning.

Collinsville's Jason Kostoff led off the inning by striking out on a ball in the dirt, but the ball bounced past Cahokia catcher Byron Gettis, allowing Kostoff to reach first safely.

Dan Munoz ripped a shot to centerfield for a double that would have been a home run at Arthur Fletcher Field in Collinsville. However, Cahokia has no fence in the outfield so Kostoff had to wait to see

if Tristan Hill was going to catch up with the ball. Kostoff did score on the play, but the Kahoks failed to plate Munoz with the tying run.

Lutz struck out the side in the bottom of the sixth inning to keep Cahokia within a run.

With one out in the Collinsville half off seventh, Jeff Slaznick cranked a shot to left center for a triple. He came around to score on a wild pitch, but the Kahoks could not score the go-ahead run.

Moore praised Cahokia junior pitcher Steve Billups' performance in the seventh, when it looked like Billups had run out of gas.

"I walked out to him and he said, 'Coach, leave me in,'" Moore said. "He wanted it and we let him do his job. That's what we need from him. He is our No. 1 pitcher. The kid is going to be something. He is an outstanding pitcher with good stuff."

Lutz struck out the side in the seventh and ended the contest at 2-2.

Kenny didn't have much early and then he found himself and threw the ball well," McFall said. "His pitching performance was all we could hope for. There was nothing wrong with the way he threw the ball. You don't always have your good stuff when you go out there. The key to being a great pitcher is to go out and pitch like he did (Thursday). He pitched well enough that we should have won."

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BAC hosts camps for men's, women's hoops

Belleville Area College men's basketball coach Jay Harrington and women's coach Mike Juenger will conduct their annual basketball camps this summer.

Area boys and girls from grades 1-12 are eligible to take part in the week-long sessions, which will be offered in June, July and August. Costs of the camps vary. Checks should be made payable to BAC Basketball Camp and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL 62221.

Camps will be held during the following weeks:

- June 15-19, 9 a.m.-noon, girls grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- June 15-19, 1-4 p.m., boys grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- June 20-24, 9 a.m.-noon, grades 5-8 nipper camp. Cost: \$40.
- June 20-24, 1-4 p.m., grades 5-8 guard camp. Cost: \$30.
- July 6-10, 9 a.m.-noon, girls grades 5-8 team camp (teams of five or more). Cost: \$50.
- July 6-10, 1-4 p.m., boys grades 5-8 team camp (teams of five or more). Cost: \$50.
- July 13-17, boys grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- July 13-17, 1-4 p.m., girls grades 5-8. Cost: \$50.
- July 27-29, 9 a.m.-noon, grades 1-2 little nipper camp. Cost: \$40.
- July 27-29, 1-4 p.m., grades 5-8 shooting camp. Cost: \$30.
- Aug. 3-7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 5-8 boys. Cost: \$90 (includes lunch).

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271 or 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 271.

Baseball league

The IABC Baseball League is seeking baseball teams 12-and-under to compete in Metro area league. For information, interested baseball coaches can call Greg Reichert at 345-6386.

Football clinic

The 1998 Youth and Fundamental Football Clinic will be May 9 at Edwardsville High School. The cost is \$20 (\$25 at the door) and includes:

- Five hours of football from top coaches.
- Eight speakers.
- Exhibits.
- A free clinic notebook.
- Door prizes.
- Free coffee and rolls at registration.
- Free lunch.

For more information, call 1-800-435-6110.

World Baseball Days

The 1998 Fairview Heights Sporting Goods and Baseball Card Show will be July 18-19 at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights. The show is in cooperation with the "World Baseball Days" celebration, which is part of the "AA" World Baseball Championship, set for July 10-19 at Longacre Park. It is the highest-level youth baseball tournament in the world for players ages 15-16. Twelve nations from across the globe will compete for the gold medal.

The schedule for World Baseball Days is listed below:

- July 18: baseball card show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; youth baseball camp, 10 a.m.-noon; sporting goods show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Rawlings Caravan, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; autograph session with world athletes, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Taste of the World (local restaurants serving food from the 12 participating countries), 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Fredbird, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; World Championships playoff games, noon-10 p.m.; barbecue, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
- July 19: sporting goods show, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Rawlings Caravan, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; barbecue, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; bronze medal game, noon; gold medal game, 4 p.m.; awards ceremony, 7 p.m.

For more information, call 236-1768.

Girls basketball camp

The ninth annual Brenna Kelly/Lady Blues Basketball Camp for girls in grades 6-12 will be June 14-18 at Illinois College in Jacksonville.

Kelly, who coaches the Illinois College women's basketball team, said the camp will emphasize individual skills and concepts along with advanced techniques for team offense and defense. Area high school coaches and several area college graduates will comprise the campus staff.

The camp fee is \$195 for residential students and \$150 for commuters. The residential rate includes on-campus housing and both fees include meals. Third option, which does not include housing and meals, costs \$110.

Camp brochures and application forms are available by calling Kelly at 217-348 or 217-343-6299. On-site registration will take place at IC's Memorial Gymnasium from 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 14.

Kelly's teams have won more than 150 games over the past 11 seasons. The veteran head coach has guided the Lady Blues to seven Midwest Conference playoff appearances, including a second-place finish in 1996-97.

Spike-It-Up

Spike-It-Up, the nation's premier amateur outdoor volleyball tour in cooperation with USA Volleyball, has announced that St. Louis will be one of 10 host cities for the 1998 national tour. The volleyball action comes to Forest Park on June 13-14.

Last year's U.S. tour attracted more than 7,000 players and 20,000 spectators. The weekend features volleyball competition for players ages 11 and older of all abilities. Divisions range from open competition to recreational and coed play, and numerous special events and contests are available for players and spectators.

For more information, call the Spike-It-Up hotline at 314-644-7700.

Gateway Classic Sports Foundation offers golf tournament in May at Grand Marais

Special to the Journal

The St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation is proud to present the fourth annual St. Louis Gateway Classic/Freshment on May 29 at the Grand Marais Golf Course-Frank Rotton State Park in Centerville, Illinois.

The day will be competitive and fun-filled. The entry fee is \$125 per person or \$500 for a foursome, which includes registration, gift bag, green fees and refreshments. The gift bag will include items such as caps, golf tees, golf balls, etc.

Prizes and awards will be presented at the luncheon awards banquet at the Grand Marais Club House immediately following play. A continental breakfast

will be provided at 7 a.m., as well as the famous Wilson's BBQ lunch served at the awards banquet at approximately 1 p.m. In addition, bratwurst, beer and soda will be served throughout the course of the game.

Over the past four years, the St. Louis Gateway Classic has donated more than 1.1 million dollars back into the St. Louis metropolitan area. The goal this year is to provide 20 full four-year scholarships annually for students to go to historically black colleges as well as to provide equipment and funds for youth-related programs.

For more information about the golf tournament call Arthur Tyler Jr., director of operations, at 621-1994.

SPORTS

ALL-JOURNAL GIRLS BASKETBALL (CLASS AA)

Five different teams represented on first team

The following players join East St. Louis Lincoln's Rita Adams as members of the JNSI All-Journal girls basketball team:

FIRST TEAM

Danielle Lawary, Belleville West: A two-year starter and a three-year varsity veteran, Lawary averaged 18.9 points and 10.9 rebounds per game. The 6-foot junior was the Maroons' leading scorer and rebounder in all but one game while shooting 62.5 percent from the field and 68 percent from the free-throw line.

"Danielle was double-teamed a lot, but she was our go-to person," said West coach Larry Betz. "We expected a lot out of her and she responded very well."

"She picked up her intensity this year. She improved her shooting and played a little harder on defense."

A three-sport standout, Lawary is an all-area volleyball player and a two-time state qualifier in the sport. "Danielle is a gifted athlete and has a lot of success in just about everything she does. I'm looking forward to an outstanding senior year from her, and we should have a little better supporting cast. She's in a position where she could be our all-time leading scorer by the time she graduates."

Lawary is No. 8 on West's career scoring list with 882 points. Amy Rakers is first with 1,293. She is sixth on the school's all-time rebounding list with 574. As a junior, Lawary earned special mention all-state honors from the *Champaign News-Gazette* and was an honorable mention all-state selection by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

Leah Frierson, Belleville East: With fellow senior Jessica Jackson either out of the lineup or less than 100 percent due to injuries, Frierson emerged as the Lancers' top player. A two-year starter, she averaged 17.9 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. "She did a tremendous job

and led the team in just about every offensive category," said East coach Paul James. "Her free-throw percentage went up from 58 to 71 percent and her field goal percentage went up to 51 percent. She led us in steals and blocked shots, and until Jessica came back, she was averaging in double figures in rebounds."

"When Jessica was out, she was basically playing with four other kids — two freshmen and two sophomores — she had not played with at all. She did an excellent job of being patient with them and keeping their heads in the game. She never got frustrated."

"She's signed with BAC (Belleville Area College) for next season. She has some other offers, but she can step in and be a big-time player on the junior college level right away."

Jamie Tyler, O'Fallon: A 6-2 senior, Tyler was a two-year starter and a three-year varsity regular. She ends her prep career as the Panthers' all-time leading scorer with 1,136 points. This season, she averaged 19.7 points and 9.8 rebounds per game while leading O'Fallon to a 22-7 record.

"She also led the team in steals," said coach Doug Haas. "She's not a prototypical post player. She's capable of stepping out and shooting the 15-footer and she runs the floor well."

"This year she learned to move to the openings so we could get the ball to her. Everyone knew who she was." Tyler is the defending Class AA state champion in the high jump and earned all-area honors in volleyball.

"Arguably, she could be the greatest athlete ever at O'Fallon," Haas said. "She's probably going to go for track in college, but she hasn't decided where to go."

Jacque Woosley, Edwardsville: A senior guard, Woosley was a three-year varsity starter for Edwardsville. She concluded a brilliant career with



Belleville East senior Leah Frierson (left) stood tall for the Lancers while a young quartet surrounded her; O'Fallon senior Jamie Tyler (right) became the program's all-time leading scorer.

The Tigers as the program's sixth all-time leading scorer with 633 career points. A first-team Southwestern Conference selection, Woosley averaged 14 points and 6.3 assists a game against league opponents. Woosley, who is also an outstanding softball player, plans to attend Lindenwood University to play softball next spring.

"She really just matured and became what I would call a solid ballplayer since the first of December. Since then she's just gotten progressively better and better."

Lakisha Cole, East St. Louis Lincoln: Cole, a second-

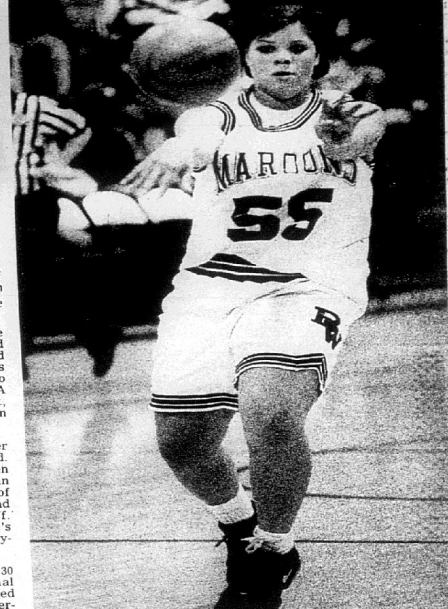
team all-state selection by the Associated Press, averaged 20.4 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.4 assists for coach Charles McDonald's Tigerettes, who finished second in the IHSA Class AA state tournament, losing to defending champion Wilmette Loyola 62-48.

"Keisha is the best shooter on the team," said McDonald. "Her job is to take the open jumper, and she has done an excellent job this year of knowing when to shoot and when to pass off. When she's on her game, she's among the best offensive players in the state."

Cole, a junior who scored 30 points in Lincoln's sectional final triumph against favored Mount Vernon, led the Tigerettes in scoring in the state championship game, netting 22 points, despite fouling out.

Together, Cole and teammate Rita Adams the Class AA Girls Basketball Player of the Year for the Journal News-papers of Southern Illinois.

There may have been a few teams in Illinois that had one



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Belleville West junior Danielle Lawary, a three-sport standout, led the Maroons in scoring in all but one game.

guard better than either Rita or Lakisha," said McDonald.

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Adams

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averaged 19.4 points, 4.8 rebounds, 5 assists and a pair of steals each game.

"When our offense and defense are working, it's because of the job being done by Rita Adams," said McDonald.

"She works hard all the time in games and in practice. She knows that to succeed in basketball and to succeed in life demands a quality work ethic. Nobody works any harder than she does. And no one is more committed to team play than she is. That is why she has been so successful in

basketball and why she will be successful in life."

Adams plays hard and often in the off-season, teaming up with Cole on a St. Louis AAU team coached by her father, Eddie. As long as she can remember, basketball has been a part of her life.

And she does not want that to change.

"I want to go to college, major in math and play basketball," Adams said. "But beyond that, I have a dream. My dream is to one day play in the WNBA. I know that like all dreams it will take hard work, but I'm willing to do the work to get there. We make our own dreams."

But, first, this dream-chaser, will set her sights on her senior season and another run at a coveted but elusive state championship. She exudes the confidence that next season that dream will become reality.

For now, however briefly, she will enjoy the honor of

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— Rita Adams
Lincoln junior

being Player of the Year. But, soon, it will be back to work. Back to chasing dreams.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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A. _____

Q. What former Missouri star is currently playing with the Quad City Thunder in the CBA?
A. _____

Q. How many NBA teams have at least one former CBA player on their team this year?
A. _____

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SPORTS

Close championship sparks memories of tight title games

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Chicago Whitney Young's 61-56 triumph against Galesburg in last weekend's Class AA state championship game was the most exciting title game since 1994, and one of only five down-to-the-wire finishes among large schools since class division occurred following the 1971 season.

The game brought to mind some tournament classics.

In perhaps the greatest championship game in the tournament's 91-year history, East St. Louis Lincoln outlasted Peoria Central 59-57 in triple-overtime for the 1969 Class AA title.



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With the two-time defending state champions East St. Louis Lincoln going head-to-head with the unbeaten favorites, the Lincoln-Central clash promised a lot. And it delivered. It may have been the greatest state tournament game ever played.

A 9-0 Lincoln lead was trimmed to 13-12 by the first

quarter horn, and Central had the edge at halftime, 26-23. But the Tigers scored eight of the third quarter's first 10 points and six of its last eight, for a 37-32 advantage with a frame of regulation remaining.

The Lions clawed their way back, catching Bennie Lewis' boys at 44-44 with 1 minute 16

seconds left in the fourth quarter. When Central's Chris Reynolds picked up a charging foul at the two-second mark, the game went to overtime.

Reynolds' technical foul with just over a minute to go and Mike Hughes' desperation fade-away at the buzzer pro-

vided the excitement in the first overtime. Still tied, 52-52, after a pair of extra sessions, the teams traded baskets before Vincent Jackson's 18-footer, over a pair of outstretched defenders, won it at the buzzer, giving Lincoln its third straight state title, and fourth overall.

In another classic state final, this one in 1952, district power Hebron defeated Quincy 64-59 in the first overtime contest in state championship game history.

Hebron's Green Giants featured Bill Schulz (6-foot-10½) and the Judson Twins (Paul and Phil). Quincy countered with arguably the best front-line in the state, built around the nucleus of Bruce Brothers and including Jack Gower and Charles Fast.

Quincy led 16-14 at the first stop, but Hebron shaved a point off that lead in each of the next two sessions, and the score was knotted 48-48 after

three quarters.

Hebron moved out to a 55-50 midway through the fourth quarter when the roof caved in for Quincy. Bruce Brothers, the Blue Devils' superb all-state center, picked up his fifth personal foul with 4:30 still to play in regulation. But Quincy responded with a flurry, scoring eight of the next 11 points to tie the contest at 58-58 with just 50 seconds remaining.

Neither team could score down the stretch in regulation. In overtime, playing without Brothers, the Blue Devils could not mount an offensive attack. Hebron limited Quincy to one free throw over the three-minute extra session and pulled away to the 64-59 win.

In another close contest, just four years ago, Peoria Manual claimed its first of four consecutive state titles by edging the Carbondale Terriers 61-60 in a memorable finale.

Brandon Hughes hit a pair of free throws with four seconds remaining to give the Rams

the one-point lead. Carbondale inbounded the ball, worked it across the time line, where a Terriers player launched a desperation 40-footer the hit the backboard and drew rim before bounding harmlessly away from the basket.

It was questionable whether the shot was taken before the final horn. But trail official Charlie Brown, who started for Chicago's DuSable's state runner-up in 1954, could be seen waving the shot off as it made its way to the hoop.

Had it gone in, it would have been one of the great controversies in championship game history. (Imagine the Collinsville-Edwardsville sectional game this season being for the state title.)

With more than its fair share of blowouts in the last 26 years, it was good to once more see a championship game that kept you in suspense down to the wire.

•Voellinger

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at Normal. Quincy tallied 16 of 21 free throw attempts and was called for four fouls while Manual was 1 of 2 from the free throw line and charged with 18 fouls.

Quincy Coach Loren Wallace is the brother of University of Hawaii coach Riley Wallace, who led the Rainbows into this year's NIT. In the 1970s, Riley coached at Litchfield High, where he once was a member of that community's basketball team that lost to Belleville in a Jaycees state tournament.

Rim shot

Among the spectators at the Illinois state tourney was ousted O'Fallon boys Coach Norm Toenjes, who could identify in some ways with Joliet of the Elite Eight.

While making an impressive run to O'Fallon's sixth regional title (four in 10 years for Toenjes), the Panthers were

without a starter and a reserve who were suspended for code of conduct violations.

At mid-season, Joliet coach Bob Koskoff kicked two players off his team, which then lost four consecutive games only to regroup and win a regional crown. A 64-63 winner against Richards in the super-sectional, Joliet took a 24-6 record to state and had 19 games (including five overtime) decided by 10 points or less.

Footnote

Here's a vote for Joe Wiley of Belleville to move from being a television commentator of some Saint Louis University basketball to being a full-time analyst on radio broadcasts of the Billikens.

Double overtime

Adrienne Miskell, a senior forward at Northern Iowa University, recently completed her collegiate basketball career with an eight-point, nine-rebound effort in an 82-58 loss to highly ranked Southwest

Missouri State in the MVC women's postseason tournament.

Among the lowlights of the MVC women's season was an incident after a game in Terre Haute, Ind., where a male spectator, apparently a brother of an Indiana State player, spilt in the referee's face. The official responded by punching the fan in the face.

One of the officials working the game was Gus Lignoul, the baseball coach at Granite City High.

"It was not a pretty situation," said Lignoul, who bemoaned the lack of security in the runway leading from the basketball court to the locker rooms.

Running note

Abbie Perez, a sophomore at Belleville East, continues to impress St. Louis area distance runners with her victories in St. Louis Track Club events. On March 7, she paced the 19-and-under division of the 10-kilometer Hibernian Shamrock Run with a time of 42:03.

•Houston

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squad that won only four games last year, so we have our work cut out for us," said Houston. "But we've already signed five players from the St. Louis and Chicago areas — four field players and a goalie, and we've got some good young players returning. Still, we need a couple of more quality players from this year's high school senior pool. But, beyond that, my focus is to develop a pool of names of high school juniors so that we can get and stay at least one year ahead."

Houston, the son of Ronnie and Jane Houston of Granite City, has always dreamed of maintaining soccer as part of his life. A career in soccer has always been his goal. At MacMurray, he has the

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means of reaching his goal.

"I think that, in time, we can turn things around and make this a quality program," Houston said. "We're off to a

good start in our recruiting, and we'll work hard to establish a good work ethic and good habits. The future, though far from easy, is full of potential."

•Track

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ties who are planning to attend a four-year university or college, a vocational school or two-year community college, or to college students who are planning to pursue a graduate degree.

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Kahoks open with victory

Granite is next foe

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The Collinsville High girls soccer team kicked off the season on the right foot.

Collinsville opened the 1998 **GIRLS SOCCER** season Thursday afternoon by shutting out O'Fallon for a 1-0 victory.

The Kahoks tallied the game's only goal in the first half. Senior Lori Benesh fed sophomore Angie Bluemner, who blasted a shot past O'Fallon goalkeeper Elizabeth Hamby at 29:45. Hamby recorded 12 saves in the game.

Collinsville senior goalkeeper Mandy Waitukaitis maintained the Kahoks lead throughout the second half. Waitukaitis finished the game with nine saves.

The Kahoks will open their home schedule 6 p.m. Tuesday night against Southwestern Conference opponent Belleville East. The Panthers also opened up their season Thursday evening, drubbing Civic Memorial 9-0. Shannon Bramble and Christen Seaman each scored a hat trick in the game. Bramble also had two assists. Nik Delgado and Kelly Katricka combined for the shutout.

On Thursday, the Collinsville girls travel to Granite City for a 6 p.m. SWC clash. Granite eliminated the Kahoks from the playoffs last spring with a penalty kick shootout.

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NEWS

SIUE wants to engage children's minds

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's School of Education and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction will present a program titled "Engaging Children's Minds: Consider the Possibilities" from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. April 9. Both presentations will be held in the Meridian Ballroom in the University Center.

Dr. Lillian Katz, professor of education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the director of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education, will be the featured speaker.

In the 1989 book "Engaging Children's Minds: The Project Approach," Katz and Sylvia Chard presented a method of interdisciplinary teaching and learning based on in-depth studies.

Since 1995, SIUE has offered a summer course for teachers on the project approach. While Katz is in the area, she will visit Grafton Elementary School on April 8 to participate in project work in a second-grade classroom.

Katz is a past president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and just completed a term as chairperson of the board of directors of the National Society for the Study of Education.

She is the author of more than 100 publications, including articles, chapters and books about early childhood education, teacher education and parenting. She was the founding editor in chief of "Early Childhood Research Quarterly" and now serves as editor of the first electronic journal in early childhood, "Early Childhood Research & Practices."

For more information, call 692-3082.

North County residents Robert and Carol Bequette received a gift two years ago they'll never forget.

The North County couple's home was repaired 1996 by volunteers from the Christmas in April organization.

On April 18 in St. Louis and St. Louis County and on April 25 in Madison County, Ill., volunteers will again scrape, nail and paint new life into 65 decaying houses for homeowners who have been unable to keep up with repairs.

Nine of those are in North County communities, including Vinita Terrace, Uplands Park, Beverly Hills and the Castle point area near Chambers and Halls Ferry roads.

The group expects more than 1,500 volunteers this year. More are needed. To donate time or to give a financial contribution call 849-3991.

The Bequettes suffer from health problems and have disabilities. They were not physically or financially able to repair their home.

"Our house was falling down on us," Carolyn Bequette said. The group of volunteers, about two dozen, painted the kitchen, repaired a crumbling deck and replaced rotten land-

April special month for giving

By Clayton Berry
Staff writer

'It gives people in our industry a good feeling by giving of themselves.'

Wayne Kaufman
Christmas board member

scaping timbers in the lawn.

Lynn Rajani, Christmas in April director, said the group receives about 300 applications each year for assistance. She realizes there is an even greater need.

"That's just a drop in the bucket," she said.

The organization's goal is to keep people living in warmth, safety and independence, Rajani said. Candidates for assistance often are referred to Christmas in April by area housing agencies.

All applicants are screened by a selection committee. Those who receive assistance must be low-income, disabled or elderly.

Homes have already been selected this year for assistance. The group will begin taking applications for next year this summer.

Professionals are joined by home repair novices in the volunteer ranks.

Wayne Kaufman, United Homecraft owner and Christmas in April board member, said there's good reason people in his line of work help.

"It gives people in our industry a good feeling by giving of themselves," he said.

Any person who is at least 14 years old can volunteer. The work often involves painting, basic carpentry and removing debris.

Volunteers are supervised by skilled craftsmen and women, such as members of the St. Louis Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee and Plumbers Local 55.

Though Robert Bequette is disabled, he said he wants to give back to the very program that helped him.

"We were so very, very grateful," he said. "I want to donate my services this year."

The couple said the appreciation they feel for the volunteers lingers even after two years.

"It's hard to describe how it makes you feel," Carolyn Bequette said. "It just makes you feel honored."

Christmas in April is a nationwide event that has been making a difference in homeowners' lives for a decade. St. Louis has offered the program since 1993.

Chief fearful of volunteer numbers

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

One of the worst case scenarios for a fire chief with a volunteer department is having too many volunteers for the job.

"Our worst nightmare is to have more volunteers than we know what to do with," Signal Hill Fire Chief Greg Renter said. "The retention of volunteers is more difficult. There are so many other things that people are involved in."

Currently, Signal Hill has 50 active members and 10 associate members. Associate members are residents from the community who want to help at the department but not go out on calls. They perform work around the station and help whenever needed.

At the Swansea Fire Department, there are 10 members involved in the department's Explorer Post. The members are over 14 years old and learn

how to operate equipment and help around the station. Swansea Fire Chief John McGuire said the department has 26 active volunteers.

In Fairview Heights, the Fairview Fire Department has 32 volunteers on its roster. Chief Don Feher said. The volunteers can also work part-time at the station, cleaning up and maintaining the trucks.

"They do odd jobs around here when we're lacking manpower," Feher said. "We'd rather have them work here than somewhere else and take them away from responses to calls."

The age limits and probationary periods for volunteers vary from department to department. However, the volunteers all must live within their fire district to join. In addition, a good driving record is required and the volunteer should be in good physical condition.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued through the Office of Mark Von Nida, Madison County Clerk:

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Stephen Henry Cooper and Shauna Joan Wilke, both of Edwardsville.

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Donald James Kasson and Kimberly Ann Patterson, both of Granite City.

Paul Allen Maberry and Tracy Kay Crane, both of Collinsville.

Robert Edward Norton and Teresa Ann Hottel, both of Granite City.

Robert Eugene Odum and Dana Michelle Watkins, both of Granite City.

Richard Eugene Owens and Tammy Renee Wilde, both of Collinsville.

Steven Thomas Prange and Katherine Ellen Stratton, both of St. Jacob.

Joel Louis Scheppeler and Jean Frances Duke, both of Troy.

Donald Raymond Stricker and Robin Jean Pierson, both of Madison.

Glen Stuart Thomas and Angela Kristine Collins, both of Granite City.

Gene Edgar Trower and Mary Ellen Schmidt, both of Collinsville.

Don Stephen Arnold of Wood River and Brenda Joyce Simpson of Moro.

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BIRTHS

The following birth announcements were released by Memorial Hospital in Belleville:

Jan. 31
Miaisha Harris of Caseyville, a girl.

Feb. 1
Heather Gloeckner of Cahokia, a girl.
Renee Korves of Belleville, a boy.
Vickie and James Hendricks of Fairview Heights, a boy.

Feb. 2
Melanie Blockin of Belleville, a girl.
Casey and Leonard Tamborello of Caseyville, a boy.
Jacqueline Wheeler of Belleville, a girl.

Feb. 3
Dawn and Gary Idecker of New Athens, a girl.
Angela Taylor of Collinsville, a girl.

Feb. 4
Paula and Donald Girtman of Cahokia, a boy.
Drs. Shannon and Patrick Komesnak of Swansea, a girl.

Feb. 5
Sara Meneses of Millstadt, a boy.
LaShonda Mitchell of Belleville, a girl.

Feb. 6
Tracy and Kenneth Vymola of Millstadt, a boy.
Jasston and Jason Coll of Belleville, a boy.

Feb. 7
Kimberly Phillips of Granite City, a boy.
Heather and Dennis Thomas Jr. of Freeburg, a girl.

Feb. 8
Lisa and Dean Cravens of Belleville, a girl.
Marie and Michael Buhr of Belleville, a boy.

Feb. 9
Sherry Holle of Belleville, a girl.
Jasmine McWhorter of Belleville, a girl.

Feb. 10
Lynn and Robert Maue of Breese, a girl.
Lucy and John Sanchez of Mascoutah, a girl.

Feb. 11
Lisa Krell of East Carondelet, a girl.
Margaret Ford of O'Fallon, a boy.

Feb. 12
Dionne Stoudemire of Belleville, a girl.
Alicia Mitchom of East St. Louis, a girl.

Feb. 13
Amy and Ronald Abernathy of Fairview Heights, a boy.
Crystal and Michael Connour of Prairie Du Rocher, a girl.

Feb. 14
Amy and Robert Snyder Sr. of East St. Louis, a boy.
Rutha and Monte Connors of Cahokia, a girl.

Feb. 15
Jodie Daniels of Columbia, a girl.
Amanda and Joseph Brake of Nashville, a boy.

Feb. 16
Kathrine Simmons of Caseyville, a boy.
Tanya Mosler of Collinsville, a girl.

Feb. 17
Alyce and Scott Lanxon of Belleville, a girl.
Kimberly and Russell Oliver of New Athens, a boy.

Feb. 18
Kimberly and Joseph Schallert of Swansea, a girl.
Rebecca Gundlach of Belleville, a boy.

Feb. 19
Stephanie Melton of East Carondelet, a boy.
Angela Germain of East Carondelet, a girl.

Feb. 20
Sara Shaw of Belleville, a girl.
Sheila and Don Munie II of Belleville, a girl.

Feb. 21
Susan and Tim Riley of New Baden, a boy.
Christina and Charles Jones of Salem, a boy.

Feb. 22
Sherrill Richardson of East St. Louis, a boy.

Feb. 23
Shenika Johnson of Belleville, a girl.
Angela Wymola of Fairview Heights, a girl.

Feb. 24
Tonia Lannom of Granite City, a boy.
Julie and Daniel Dermody of Belleville, a boy.

Feb. 25
Barbara and Brian Poole of Belleville, a boy.
Kristina Maynard of Cahokia, a boy.

Feb. 26
Traci Cline of Collinsville, a boy.
Stacy and John Buss of New Athens, a boy.

Feb. 27
Laurie and Thomas Perez of Belleville, a girl.
Tamara Quilling of Cahokia, a girl.

Feb. 28
Dawn and Thomas Muesenbrock of O'Fallon, a boy.
Monica and John Reyes of Collinsville, a girl.

Feb. 29
Christina and Douglas Wagner of New Athens, a boy.
Suzette and Michael Vogt of O'Fallon, a girl.

Feb. 30
Kathleen and Charles Siefert of Collinsville, a girl.
Geraldine and Rico Scott Sr. of East St. Louis, a girl.

Feb. 31
Susan and Ronald Ames of Belleville, a girl.
Tonia and Mark Ambrose of Belleville, a boy.

Feb. 32
Debra and Wayne Eckert of Lenzburg, a girl.
Wanakee Holman of Centerville, a girl.

Feb. 33
Mario and Mark Tucker of Fairview Heights, a girl.
Nhung Thach of O'Fallon, a girl.

Feb. 34
Stacey Hedgecough of O'Fallon, a girl.
Julie and Michael Fuehne of Belleville, a girl.

Feb. 35
Elianda Braundmeier of Troy, a girl.
Tiffany and Cradley Crowell of Lebanon, a girl.

Feb. 36
Rita and Ronald Skimehorn of Mascoutah, a girl.
Judy and Thomas Schneider of Mascoutah, a girl.

Feb. 37
Barbara and Scott Bauman of Freeburg, a girl.
Laurie and David Prickett of Swansea, a girl.

Feb. 38
Catherine and Bert Watts of Belleville, a boy.
Valerie and Mark Powers of Millstadt, a girl.

Feb. 39
Daisha Stacker of Belleville, a boy.
Melinda and Craig Hartmann of Belleville, a boy.

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Tammie and Dale Griesbaum of New Baden, a boy.
Rita and Mark Eckert of Belleville, a girl.

Feb. 41
Elizabeth and James Pikula of O'Fallon, a boy.
Pamela and Donald Brannon of Troy, a girl.

Feb. 42
Felicia and Kenneth Jordan of Fairview Heights, a boy.
Gayle Blue-Keays and Anthony Keyes of Belleville, a girl.

Feb. 43
Amy Woodmore and Anthony Groves of Waterloo, a girl.
Dana and David Grohmann of Belleville, a boy.

Feb. 44
Elizabeth and Daniel Cipra of O'Fallon, a girl.

Feb. 45
Rhonda Nelson of Dupo, a boy.
Karen and Keith Stephens of Mascoutah, a girl.

Feb. 46
Renee Niederbach of New Athens, a boy.
Sunny and Christopher Hoffarth of New Athens, a girl.

Feb. 47
Tameka Williams of Cahokia, a boy.
Cheryl and Pierre Jackson of Washington Park, a girl.

Feb. 48
Tracy and Timothy Riebling of Belleville, a girl.
Teri and Ronald Mueller of Red Bud, a boy.

Feb. 49
Stephanie Schilling of Belleville, a girl.
Genea Tyrone and Billy Osborn of Collinsville, a boy.

Feb. 50
Willie Mae and Michael Baxton of Centerville, a boy.
Jermeika Lowery of Cahokia, a girl.

Feb. 51
Teresa and Edward Fredrick of Swansea, a boy.
Wendy Jensen of Lebanon, a boy.

Feb. 52
Denise and Thomas Jenkins of Cahokia, a girl.
Samantha Schult of Swansea, a boy.

Feb. 53
Kelly and David Wetig of Cahokia, a boy.
Dawn and Mark Palmer, Sr. of Belleville, a girl.

Feb. 54
Kimberly Bates of Collinsville, a boy.
Rose Weiss of Granite City, a boy.

Feb. 55
Lamonica and Frederick Little of Belleville, a boy.
Langelia and Leon Tiller of Belleville, a boy.

Feb. 56
Tania and Robert Halls of Collinsville, a boy.
Gena and Gregory Hamilton of Swansea, a boy.

Feb. 57
Amy and J.D. Graham of Fairview Heights, a boy.
Linda and Mark Voelker of Fairview Heights, a girl.

Feb. 58
Brenda LeChien of Belleville, a boy.
Dana Murphy of O'Fallon, a girl.

Feb. 59
Linda and James D. Miller of Mascoutah, a boy.
Misty Cannon of Collinsville, a girl.

Feb. 60
Martha and Matthew Weld of O'Fallon, a girl.
Kimberly and Jeffrey Montgomery of Collinsville, a girl.

Feb. 61
Jodi Edgar-Reinhardt and Bradley Reinhardt of Belleville, a girl.
Ronda and Stanley Franklin of Belleville, a boy.

Feb. 62
Samantha Goodman of Waterloo, a girl.

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Stacy and Dennis Parker of Belleville, a boy.
Jamie Halloran of Fairview Heights, a girl.

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Katina and Adam Browning Sr. of Cahokia, a boy.
Shavaugh and John Cox of East St. Louis, a boy.

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Sarah and Ronald Pearce of Red Bud, a girl.
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Jennifer and Delmar Schaefer of Swansea, a girl.
Jamie and Layne Bryant of Columbia, a boy.

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Karen and Matthew Morris of Fairview Heights, a boy.
Bath and Joseph Cecil of Belleville, a girl.

Feb. 69
Melissa and Erick Taylor of Belleville, a boy.
Denise Jones of Washington Park, a girl.

Feb. 70
Shannon and Hunter Yung of Smithton, a boy.
Rachael and John Richardson of Belleville, a girl.

Feb. 71
Brigitte Jackson of Belleville, a girl.
Kathy and Stephen Thompson of Collinsville, a girl.

Feb. 72
Lisa and Carl Linker of Venedy, a girl.
Melissa Meyer of Cahokia, a girl.

Feb. 73
Quenette and Curtis Johnson Sr. of Mascoutah, a boy.
Michelle and Patrick Miller of Mascoutah, a girl.

Feb. 74
Jill and Roger Hartman of Belleville, a girl.

Veterans honor special guests at March meeting

District 14 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary held their March meeting at Scott Air Force Base 4183, with Cmdr. J.C. Grantham of Scott AFB and President Carol Blue of Belleville officiating.

Department of Illinois special guests were Cmdr. Clyde Davis, Voice of Democracy chairman Jim Michel, Assis Secretary Cheryl Michel, Safety chairwoman Rose Lobb and Dolores Davis.

Michel reported that when the national winners of the Voice of Democracy contest, based on the theme "My Voice in Our Democracy," were announced at the recent conference in Washington, D.C., Illinois winner Michelle A. Nguyen of Bourgoinais placed second and received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Rehabilitation chairwoman Mary Hartenber of Chester urged members to report on the blue form when they sent cards or flowers, brought food to veterans or took veterans to the doctor or shopping.

First, second- and third-place Auxiliary winners in the Loyalty Day youth program should be sent to Americanism chairwoman Jean Beasley of Dupo by April 1.

Buddy Poppy display entrants must be at Dupo Post 6388, the site of the next district meeting, by 10 a.m. May 3 for judging.

Cancer grant forms for members should be submitted immediately upon diagnosis.

Cheer Card chairwoman JoAnn Pannier of Belleville has sent out four get-well, one sympathy and one thank-you card since the January meeting. Child Assistance chairman Jerry Richter of Mascoutah urged auxiliaries to be sure they have sent in their 25-cents-per-member quota. Community Service chairwoman Mary Beth Cornelison of O'Fallon asked that all auxiliaries work to be reported in every category.

Hospital chairwoman Alice Lynch gave a detailed report on the Department Hospital party, held March 14 at the Illinois VA Home in Quincy.

Junior Girls chairwoman Joyce Cavins of DuQuoin stated that the Illinois Conference will be April 4 in Rock Island. Only six District 14 auxiliaries have been credited with reporting in the Legislative program, said chairwoman Marge Zimmerman of Caseyville.

National Home chairwoman Evelyn Kaase of Fairview Heights notified members to send Campbell labels to National Home, canceled stamps to the Hospital program and the front of greeting cards to St. Jude Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Margaret Seibert of Freeburg, Nursing Home chairwoman, urged members to visit area nursing homes and to report on Hospital Form No. 2.

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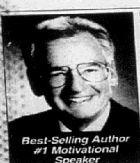
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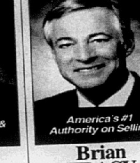
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